

Nobel prize laureate Sakharov leaves for US

MOSCOW, Nov 6, (AP): Andrei D. Sakharov left today for a two-week visit to the United States, less than two years after being recalled from internal exile stemming from years of agitation against Soviet human rights policies.

Sakharov, who won the 1975 Nobel peace prize for his human rights activities, told reporters at Moscow's Sheremetyevo airport he was pleased to be going to

Washington, D.C., for a meeting of the International Foundation for the Survival and Development of Humanity.

But his first stop is expected to be Boston, to visit his stepson Alexei Semyonov, his wife Liza Alekseyeva, and their 4-year-old daughter Alexandra, whom he over has seen. He also is expected to receive medical treatment in the United States.

Sakharov kissed his wife,

Yelena Bonner, in a diplomatic lounge where they had waited, smiling and holding hands, and then headed for the New York-bound plane. Reporters who went to the airport were not allowed in the lounge but could watch from a distance.

On a brief walk from a white Volga sedan to the lounge, he told reporters there still are political prisoners in the Soviet Union, including an unknown

number in mental institutions.

Sakharov left using the blue passport of a member of an official delegation, not a red passport of an average Soviet citizen. He was travelling with Yevgey Velikhov, vice president of the Soviet Academy of Sciences. Both men are members of the board of the foundation.

The granting of an exit visa to Sakharov was a dramatic indica-

tion of the changes in Soviet society under Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev. The 67-year-old Sakharov helped develop the Soviet hydrogen bomb, but in the 1970s became a leader in the Soviet dissident movement.

In February 1986, Gorbachev told a French newspaper Sakharov could not travel outside the Soviet Union because he knew too many state secrets.

Bush holds lead

Democrats expected to keep control of Congress

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (Reuters): Whoever wins the US presidential election on Tuesday seems likely to be dealing with a Democratic Congress next year, according to the latest polls and assessments by experts in both parties.

Democrats are confident they will keep and perhaps increase their 54-46 Senate majority and their 255-177 margin, with three vacancies, in the House of Representatives. Republicans acknowledge they have no chance to win the House and only a slim shot at taking control of the Senate.

Momentum

All 435 seats in the House and 33 of the 100 Senate seats are at stake in Tuesday's election. Senators serve six-year terms, House members are elected for two years.

"If we win all the close ones we can do it. It's not impossible," Republican Senate campaign spokesman Tom Mason told reporters. "We think momentum is going our way."

Democrats now hold 18 of the 33 Senate seats at stake. Republicans hold 15.

A four-seat Republican gain would be enough to control the Senate providing George Bush wins the White House. His Vice President, Dan Quayle, would break ties in favour of the Republicans in his constitutional role as presiding officer. A five-seat gain would give Republicans outright control.

To achieve that the Republicans would need victories in five of the six states where incumbents are retiring, wins by all 12 of their senators who are seeking re-election and defeats of at least two Democratic senators. It seems an almost impossible task.

Opportunity

"The Democrats will hold on to 54 seats at a minimum and, I believe, have an opportunity to add to that majority," Massachusetts senator John Kerry, chairman of the Senate Democratic campaign committee, told reporters. "The big brother tactics have no place in America and no place in Texas." "I think it's time for Mr Bush to repudiate these ads and stop them and apologise to you," he said.

Vote-counting computers may not be safe from viruses

WASHINGTON, Nov 6, (Reuters): Only a few days after a "virus" played havoc with computers across the United States, another set of computers on Tuesday will be counting more than half of all the votes cast in the presidential election.

According to the manufacturers and election officials the computers are virtually virus-proof, but critics disagree and insist they are open to abuse.

Thousands of computers in universities and defence research centres had to be shut down on Thursday as an electronic sabotage programme ran riot through the telephone-linked system.

Meanwhile, the presidential race has hotted up in frantic last-minute campaigning with polls still giving Bush a healthy lead but showing Democrat Michael Dukakis gaining support.

A CBS/New York Times poll showed Dukakis cutting Bush's lead to eight per cent from 13 last week. Bush was given 48 per cent to Dukakis's 40 per cent.

The poll of 1,425 probable voters also found nearly a quarter of them still undecided and late deciders going to Dukakis 66 per cent to 44 per cent for Bush.

A separate CBS poll on Friday showed Dukakis cutting Bush's lead to seven per cent.

Surge

White House spokesman Martin Fitzwater told reporters it matched Republican soundings that he said showed Dukakis support surging during the week then dropping back.

"The surge has returned to Bush," Fitzwater said.

Dukakis grew increasingly harsh in a final bid for an upset victory, repeatedly accusing Bush of running a campaign of distortions and lies.

But James Baker, Bush's campaign chairman, said the Dukakis campaign had produced 20 negative commercials against Bush and had broadcast most of them.

"These guys can dish it out but they can't take it," Baker said. Dukakis also accused the Bush camp of trying to frighten Hispanic Texans out of voting by warning in radio commercials of jail penalties for voting fraud.

Dukakis depends on a heavy Hispanic vote to win Texas. The radio commercials said that election officials will be on guard to catch ineligible voters and subject them to \$10,000 fines, five-year jail terms and loss of citizenship.

Purpose

Speaking in Spanish and English during a stop in Edinburg, Texas, Dukakis said, "The only purpose of those ads is to scare you into not voting."

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Sri Lankans escape through tunnel

COLOMBO, Nov 6, (Agencies): At least 153 prisoners escaped through an earthen tunnel from a military detention camp in southern Sri Lanka before dawn today, officials said.

Almost all the escapees had been detained on suspicion of belonging to the People's Liberation Front, a Sinhalese radical group blamed by authorities for more than 500 killings in the last 15 months, according to the officials.

Speaking on condition of anonymity, they said the prisoners had dug a tunnel at the Pelawatta camp 70 kilometres (about 45 miles) southeast of Colombo. They offered no further details on the escape.

Meanwhile, an official report said that bombings, shootings and stabbings left 12 people dead and 14 wounded in the past 36 hours in Sri Lanka's ethnic conflicts.

An Indian soldier, a Sri Lankan policeman and a Muslim civilian were killed in two bomb explosions in Trincomalee, northeast of Colombo on Friday, the government's official Lankaputh news agency said.

Drug smuggler cuts off his own tongue

ISTANBUL, Nov 6, (Reuters): An alleged drug smuggler cut off his tongue, moments before he was seized by Turkish police, to ensure that he could not talk about a heroin cache, state radio reported today.

Police told the radio the man tried to flush packets of heroin down the toilet and then cut out his tongue with a knife as they raided his apartment in the Istanbul suburb of Atakoy.

They said they recovered 70 kg (154 pounds) of heroin which was being transhipped from Iran to Spain.

The radio did not say when the raid took place or give the man's name or nationality. It said police were searching for three other people, including two Iranians.

Sri Lankan mercenaries captured

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had come on deck with their weapons and were preparing to surrender, he added.

"The ship is being towed to Male while the commandos are searching below decks for any remaining mercenaries," the spokesman said.

Officials were investigating allegations that former Maldivian President Ibrahim Nasir instigated the coup attempt. Nasir has denied any involvement.

Gayoom said the captured mercenaries are being brought to the Maldives for trial. Asked what punishment they would receive if convicted, he said: "I can't tell you at this time, but we do have capital punishment."

Faithulla Jameel, foreign minister of the Maldives, told a news conference earlier today the mercenaries were Sri Lankans, echoing statements made earlier by several officials in the Maldives, India and Sri Lanka.

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Workers to fight closure of Gdansk shipyard

GDANSK, Poland, Nov 6, (Reuters): Bitterness and gloom have given way to defiance as Polish workers prepare to fight a government order to close the Gdansk shipyard where Solidarity was born.

The government said last week it was closing the loss-making Lenin Shipyard on Dec 1 on economic grounds but in a rare show of unity, workers and management in the Baltic port city have pledged to oppose the shutdown.

Solidarity leader Lech Walesa, an electrician at the shipyard, says the decision is politically motivated and his banned union has joined forces with members of the official Opozycja union in a fight to save Poland's biggest shipyard.

"We have a common goal with (Alojzy) Szablowski," Henryk Koscielski, head of the yard's Opozycja branch, said referring to the head of the shipyard's Solidarity strike committee.

This weekend Walesa said he would agree to meet Interior Minister General Czeslaw Kiszczak to try to arrange "round-table" talks on Poland's future only if the government suspended the closure order.

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Lebanese foes exchange hostages

BEIRUT, Nov 6, (Reuters): Lebanon's Shi'ite Muslim guerrilla foes have exchanged 20 captured fighters following an accord to end hostilities between them, militia sources said today.

The Muslim sources said the deal was brokered by Syrian Brigadier Ali Hammoud between representatives of the pro-Damascus Amal militia and the Iranian-backed Hizbollah.

The accord ordered an end to fighting in which 10 people have been wounded in the past month and banned propaganda attacks on each other by the rival groups.

The 20 fighters have been detained since May when Amal and Hizbollah fought fierce battles in Beirut's southern suburbs. Some 17 Westerners missing and believed kidnapped are thought to be held in the suburbs, a haven for militants loyal to Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini.

Both sides have been struggling for control of Shi'ite areas since 1984 when Hizbollah first emerged to challenge Amal.

Syria is the main foreign power broker in Lebanon where it has 25,000 troops stationed. Meanwhile, Lebanese Premier Salim Al Hoss, in an interview with a Kuwaiti daily said that his transitional government has been exercising self-restraint to preserve the unity of the country.

He added that due to the special circumstances in Lebanon, his current government does not have the authority to decide on organising government institutions and any decision that tackle such matters has to be examined and studied very carefully.

Al Hoss indicated that the awkward situation in his country, the lack of president and the presence of two rival governments, will help those who work against unity of Lebanon, but added his government will endeavour to foil their effort.

Iranian jet hijackers overpowered

LONDON, Nov 6, (AP): Two Iranian dissidents who hijacked an Iranian jumbo jet en route to Vienna in October and forced it to divert to London were overpowered by security guards before the landing, a British newspaper reported.

The Observer said in today's edition that British security officers boarded the Iran Air plane at London's Heathrow airport and the hijackers were removed, but the incident was kept secret and the fate of the hijackers was not known.

The weekly said it obtained its account from a passenger on the plane, now in Germany, whom it did not identify.

Officials at the British Department of Transport, responsible for security at Heathrow, and Britain's Civil Aviation Authority said they knew nothing of any such incident.

Takeover

The Observer said Iran Air flight IR-723, flying to Frankfurt via Vienna on Oct 22, was taken over by two men armed with a handgun and a knife about half an hour before the plane was due to land at Vienna. It said the hijackers' demands were not known but the pilot told Vienna air traffic control he was changing course because of bad weather.

The jet bypassed Frankfurt and was heading for London when Iranian security guards, known as sky marshalls, ended the hijack, the report said.



Students demanding the arrest of Chun battle riot police in Seoul. (Reuters radiophoto)

Former president will offer apology

Seoul to solve Chun problem

SEOUL, Nov 6, (Reuters): South Korean authorities, anxious to limit the political damage from two days of riots calling for the arrest of former President Chun Doo Hwan, offered hope of a solution when President Roh Tae-Woo returns from abroad.

Ruling Democratic Justice Party (DJP) leader Yoon Giel-Jung told reporters a solution to "the Chun problems" was likely when the President returns from an 11-day tour of Asian-Pacific nations in mid-November.

While Roh has been away Yoon has exacted Chun's promise to apologise for and explain scandals of his eight-year rule, denounced by protesters as corrupt and brutal.

Yoon said he would act as a messenger between Roh and Chun to determine the timing and nature of the apology and added, "Former President Chun made it clear that he would respect President Roh's will and co-operate with him."

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He was commenting on Moscow's decision on Friday to suspend the troops withdrawal because of attacks on its forces and civilians by the Western-backed rebels.

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Pakistan's Foreign Minister Sahahzad Yaqub Khan said in a statement in Islamabad the development was "a matter of grave concern and disappointment" raising doubts about Soviet pledges under UN-mediated Geneva accords.

He also objected to recent deployment of new warplanes and long-range SS-1 Scud missiles in Afghanistan and a Soviet statement that soldiers completing terms of duty there were being replaced.

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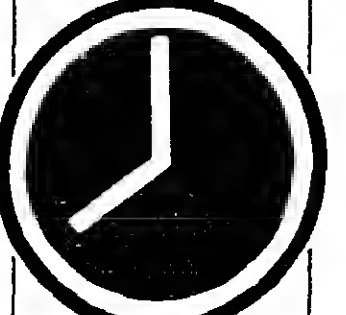
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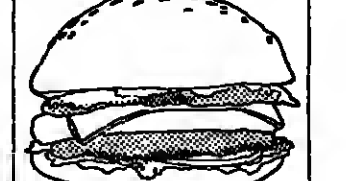
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China cracks down on prostitution

HONG KONG, Nov 6, (AP): Chinese provincial officials on Hainan Island have introduced tough regulations, including the death penalty, to crack down on prostitution, a news agency report said today.

Under the new law passed by the Hainan provincial government yesterday, anyone convicted of forcing a woman into prostitution can face the death penalty, the China News Agency said.

Prostitutes and customers can be fined a maximum of 5,000 yuan (\$1,346) and be detained for 15 days, while those accused of "severe cases" will be sent to labour camps, the report added without elaborating.

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GCC states should form joint parliament, says group

By Jadranka Porter

A GROUP of European parliamentarians has suggested the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) states take their economic alliance a step further and form a "joint parliament," according to Hans Peter Kothaus, the secretary-general of the Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation (PAEAC).

Kothaus told the Arab Times such a step is feasible even though none of the Gulf states has a legislative assembly.

"In the light of parallel developments in the EEC (European Economic Community) and GCC, we have proposed to the Gulf states to form an advisory council on the lines of the European Parliament," Kothaus said.

Progress

"There are a lot of similarities in the GCC and our own approach," he said. "The GCC has made enormous progress since its inception and it is natural that economic integration should lead to a growing political integration."

The four-member PAEAC delegation left Kuwait yesterday at the end of a Gulf tour which

also took them to Saudi Arabia and Qatar.

In Kuwait, the parliamentarians held talks with the Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed and Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Hamad.

The delegation also met with Foreign Undersecretary Sulaiman Majed Al Shahin and European Affairs Department Director Faisal Al Saleh Al Mutawa to discuss developments in the Middle East.

Parliamentarians, who favour a rapid conclusion of a free trade agreement between the EEC and GCC, said they are optimistic that a final text of the agreement will be ready for ratification before the end of the year.

Preliminary talks began in Brussels in late October. The EEC-GCC free trade agreement will be discussed at the next GCC summit to be held next month in Bahrain.

The two groups signed an agreement last June which called for co-operation in numerous fields, but did not include the thorny issue of free trade.

The progress in discussions on

free trade were stalled after the European side expressed fears about the competition from the GCC petrochemical industries. The Gulf states, on the other hand, fear that the European manufacturers will dump their products in the Gulf and tip their nascent industries in the bud.

But Kothaus said that there is a lot of understanding in both groups about the susceptibilities on each side.

"The fears on both sides should not be an obstacle in reaching an overall free trade agreement," he said.

Special provisions can be included in the agreement to deal with the sensitive issues and to allow for gradual adaptation, he added.

Europe's petrochemical sector has been lobbying hard against the agreement, but their efforts were counter-balanced by the European exporters who favour the agreement, said Kothaus.

The parliamentarians said the European nations should foster good relations with Iraq and Iran to enhance the peace process.

Kothaus said the delegation's proposal that the GCC have direct representation in Brussels, independent from the GCC

national embassies, met with a positive response in the Gulf states.

The PAEAC, which groups parliamentarians of different political convictions ranging from Italian communists to British conservatives, has played an increasingly bigger role in political decision-making in the European Parliament.

Mission

The group has sent a fact-finding mission to the occupied territories and has presented to the European Parliament an eye-witness account of atrocities committed by the Israeli occupying forces in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The group also revealed Israel's flagrant violation of its agreement with the European Economic Community which provides for direct Palestinian exports from the West Bank and the occupied territories without interference by Israeli authorities.

The group also was instrumental in pressing Israel to accept all Palestinian conditions cited in the agreement before additional protocols in the EEC - Israeli co-operation agreement were signed.

GCC states begin joint air manoeuvres

KUWAIT, Nov 6. (Agencies): The six states of the Gulf Co-operation Council have launched their largest-ever joint Air Force manoeuvres, it was announced here today.

The drill, which started yesterday, is aimed at exchanging military experience and upgrading air performance. Wing Commander Abdulla Al Muttawa of Ali Es-Salem Air Base said.

Speaking today to newsmen, Muttawa indicated that the drill, code named "Peninsula Falcon-2/88," was also meant to test co-ordination among participating forces under actual conditions and to appraise the performance of all Air Force sections.

Muttawa, who is acting commander of Ali Es-Salem Air Base, explained that the drill started yesterday with reconnaissance flights to acquaint pilots with Kuwait's air space and terrain.

Forces

Maj. Bader Saleh, a spokesman of the Kuwaiti Defence Ministry, told the Associated Press that the 10-day manoeuvres involve 44 warplanes drawn from the Air Forces of the six GCC member states.

He added that another objective of the exercise is to train

pilots and officers on how to deal with the different types of aircraft used by Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates.

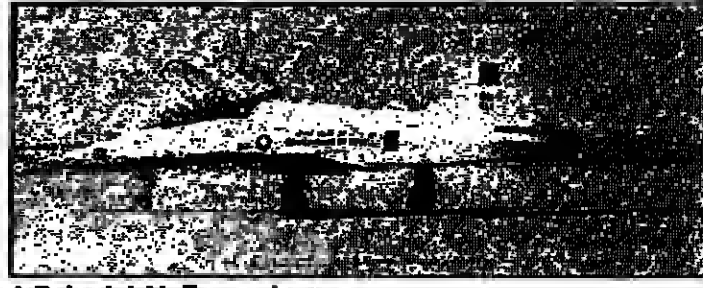
Maj. Saleh said the exercise involves Saudi Arabia's US-made F-15s, Kuwait's French-made Mirage F-1s, Oman's British-made Jaguars, Bahrain's US-made F-5s as well as Mirage F-1s from the UAE and Qatar. He said that Kuwait's Gazelle and Puma helicopters were also taking part in the manoeuvres.

The exercises are also designed to train the Air Forces of the member states in dealing with the land forces of the Peninsula Shield," he said, referring to the GCC rapid deployment forces based at Hafr Al Baten in northern Saudi Arabia.

Live

He added that land contingents from the six states will take part in the final stage of the exercise, when the warplanes will use live ammunition.

The six conservative Arab states of the Gulf formed their GCC alliance to strengthen collective security and economic unity shortly after war broke out between their two northern neighbours, Iran and Iraq, in September 1980.



A Bahraini Air Force plane.

GCC project will reduce electrical costs

THE plan to link the Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) electrical power network reflects the consolidation of the GCC interests, according to the under-secretary of the GCC Electrical Inter-linkage Project, Jameel Al Alawi.

He was quoted in a local daily as saying that the project will reduce the cost of power production and power failures.

He added that the projected cost of stand-by sub-stations built by the GCC over the next 20 years was \$3 billion compared to \$1.6 billion for the intended electrical inter-linkage over the same period.

Methods

International consultants were assigned to submit technical and financial proposals illustrating the best methods for the project's implementation.

The detailed study is expected to be ready in a year and a half, and it will be submitted to the ministers of electricity and water for recommendation to top GCC officials.

The project is to be implemented in two phases. Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Qatar will be electrically linked in the first phase and the UAE and Oman will be linked later.

At a later date, the final inter-linkage will take place and all GCC states will share a unified electrical network.

Woman murdered

A 30-year-old Eritrean woman was murdered in her room in the Firdous area last week, according to a local daily.

The woman was stabbed several times with a knife, the daily added. The victim was unmarried and had recently come to Kuwait. She was working for a private company.

Security personnel were notified about the incident on Friday, three days after the murder.

Investigations are under way. No further details have been revealed, the daily added.

Cabinet hails Waldheim visit

KUWAIT, Nov 6. (KUNA): The Kuwaiti Cabinet today expressed satisfaction with the outcome of last week's visit to Kuwait by Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, saying the visit opened new horizons for boosting co-operation between the two friendly states.

Acting State Minister for Cabinet Affairs, Planning Minister Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi said the Cabinet, meeting under Acting Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed, praised the positive results of the Kuwait-Austrian negotiations which were held in a spirit of friendship and understanding.

Dr Al Awadi said at the onset of today's session, the Council of Ministers took note of the message received by HH the Amir from UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar thanking him for his historic proposals before the General Assembly last September to relieve Third World debts.

The Cabinet, Awadi went on, also reviewed the message sent to the Amir by Acting Pakistani President Gholam Ishaq Khan who expressed gratitude for Kuwait's contributions to the standing committee on scientific and technical co-operation of the Organisation of Islamic Conference.

Sentence upheld in rape case

THE Court of First Instance upheld the sentence passed by the Criminal Court on a man charged with forcible rape of his housemaid.

The Criminal Court had sentenced the accused to 10 years in

the council, in reviewing last week's extraordinary session of the Ministerial Council of the Gulf Co-operation Council, voiced hope that Arab solidarity and unity will be strengthened.

The Cabinet also examined the outcome of the recent visit of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Minister Khalid Al Jassir to the People's Republic of China. He met with his Chinese counterpart on ways of boosting co-operation between Kuwait and Muslim community in China.

Strategy

The government also reviewed the situation in the world oil markets and results of last month's meeting in Madrid of key OPEC committees on pricing and long-term strategy.

The cabinet endorsed a draft decree on the closing accounts of government departments for fiscal 1987-88 after hearing from Finance Minister Jassem Al Khorafi discuss state revenues and expenditures.

Awadi said the Cabinet also approved proposals from the Educational, Social and Hygienic Committee to strengthen anti-AIDS measures undertaken by the Health Ministry in co-operation with international organisations.

Finally, the Cabinet agreed to pay Iraq's dues for the Bahrain-based Arabian Gulf University.

jail with hard labour for raping his maid while his wife was at work.

The victim told the wife about the incident and she found her husband half-naked and asleep in the victim's bed.

Iraqi POWs tell horror stories

MANAMA, Nov 6. (UPI): Freed Iraqi prisoners of war said in Baghdad Saturday that Gulf war foe Iran starved them, deprived them of water and forced them to march naked and barefoot to Tehran.

The Iraqi charges form part of a stream of accusations and counter-accusations of ill-treatment of POW's in both Iranian and Iraqi prison camps.

Sweltering

Some of the 25 crippled Iraqi prisoners repatriated under the latest exchange of POW's accused brutal Iranian guards of stripping them naked, stealing their belongings and forcing them to march thirsty, hungry and naked in the sweltering heat to Tehran.

The limited-prisoner exchanges were apparent gestures of goodwill as Iranian and Iraqi negotiators in Geneva, Switzerland, try to hammer out a permanent peace to end the 8-year Gulf war after an August ceasefire.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has registered about 50,000 Iraqi prisoners and 14,000 Iranian prisoners, but the real numbers are expected to be much higher.

Iraqi diplomats estimate there may be as many as 70,000 Iraqi POW's in Iranian camps, Iranian prisoners in Iraq are estimated at 35,000.

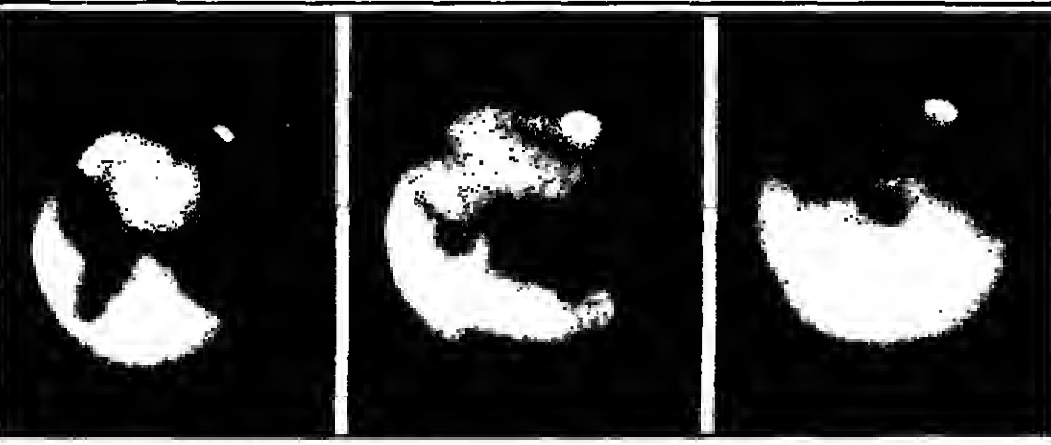
Most prisoners remain unregistered with the Red Cross - in contravention of the 1949 Geneva Convention.

Whereabouts

The Red Cross believes at least 15,000 Iraqi POW's remain unaccounted for in Iran, and has repeatedly called on Tehran to provide information on their whereabouts.

The neutral organisation also slammed Iraq for not allowing Iranian prisoners to be registered since January last year.

"The Iranians stripped our clothes and boots, stole our money and belongings, and left us without food and water for



The Al Aujalji Observatory of the Science Club of Kuwait has released photographs showing details of the surface of Mars. In this photograph the southern polar cap is seen as a bright white button-like spot. The observatory studied the planet's surface for three months. Many high resolution photographs were taken during this period. (Photo by Qazi Kalimuddin)

Public works projects under way

MINISTER of Public Works Abdul Rahman Al Houti said that various projects suggested by citizens to HH the Amir during his visit to different areas will be implemented.

Some pedestrian flyovers have been built and the ministry is now studying 10 similar projects to be built in Jahra, Hawalli, Fahaheel and Mishref. Other projects will be completed in the future when funds are available, the official said.

He added that a preliminary contract for detailed studies of the Amiri Diwan project has been signed. Firms will be called upon to bid by tender sometime next January.

Tower

The ministry is also working on the Kuwait Telecommunications Tower project. When completed, it will be the fourth highest tower in the world. The new Military Hospital will be opened during the National Day celebrations, the minister said.

The ministry is now designing a number of projects such as the Ministry of Interior premises, the Auditing Bureau, Central Tenders Committee, psychological centres in different health areas and the new premises of Kuwait University.

The state has allocated KD20 million for additional construction in the present buildings and facilities of the university. Consultants have been asked to prepare studies to build a multi-purpose hall and an Olympic-size swimming pool in the Doha area.

Studies on the last part of the Al Ghazali Street project have been completed and contracts to maintain 14 public gardens and build schools and health centres in some areas have been signed.

A new road is planned behind the Capital Governorate to connect Al Hilali Road with the 1st Ring Road.

Meanwhile, Kuwait Mun-

icipality and the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs began a study on closing the old grave yard behind the governorate to make way for a new road and plant trees. The graveyard was last used 30 years ago.

A new premises of the Capital Governorate will be built at the existing site. The site of the old Salahu Deen Secondary School will specifically be used to house the Ministry of Interior, the minister said.

Sewage

Commenting on sewage problems the minister said that 85 per cent of the sewage water is used and treated for irrigation and afforestation projects.

The increase in levels of underground water will continue as long as citizens and expatriates use water excessively. A study indicated that each square metre of agriculture land is irrigated with 15 to 17 gallons of water although it needs only three gallons.



The Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed received this morning the delegation of the Parliamentary Association for Euro-Arab Co-operation.

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BAHRAIN DIGEST

Educators visit island

A 12-member mission representing institutions of higher education in Britain arrived in Bahrain Sunday. The visit was organised by the British Council head office in London and the British Council in Bahrain.

According to David Thomas, the British Council representative in the island, the purpose of the mission's visit is to promote courses offered by British colleges, to determine training needs and provisions and to make contact with educational institutions in Bahrain.

Members of the mission talked about the courses and facilities available at their respective colleges for Bahraini students. Some of the colleges have had Bahraini students for several years.

The British colleges represented by the mission included institutions specialising in business studies, art, insurance, engineering and the sciences.

In recent years British institutions of higher education have been criticised in both Britain and abroad for escalating costs of tuition and living expenses for foreign students. British colleges and universities charge high fees to foreign students, whose enrolment is crucial for the survival of some of the institutions.

In some colleges foreign students make up 80 per cent of the student population.

Since the announcement of substantial reductions in government grants and a decreasing budget of higher education by the Thatcher government a couple of years ago, most British colleges have been suffering financially. Even Oxford University resorted to a fund-raising campaign to supplement dwindling financial resources.

Brian Heap, representative of Holburn Law College and director of the Higher Education Advisory and Training Service in London, said that in spite of the high tuition and living costs, foreign students can enjoy the educational facilities offered in Britain. "The British educational system is very specialised, with a very high academic standard. The high costs are commensurate with the facilities offered."

The mission members said they believe that British colleges are better in terms of academic standards and facilities than those in America. The number of foreign students has declined considerably in Britain and more foreigners are studying in America.

But the mission members expressed hope that measures will be taken to attract more foreign students to Britain in the near future.

"We are trying to find out ways to increase the number of foreign students to Britain after consultation with the British government," said Heap.

During its stay in Bahrain, the mission will visit local educational institutions and meet with government education officials and prospective students.

Members of the mission will be available at the Diplomat Hotel, Individuals and training managers are welcome.

The mission will leave Bahrain for Oman on a similar tour.

Lebanese troupe to perform

THE Caracalla Dance Troupe, a well-known Lebanese group of performers, will present a one-night Lebanese cultural show of the Arab Ford in Bahrain on Nov 17. The concert has been organised by Gulf Promotions in conjunction with the Ministry of Information.

The dance troupe, performing in Bahrain for the first time, will present traditional and classical Lebanese dancing and will include the Lebanese folk dancing or 'dabke'.

The highlight of the show will be 'Echoes' - a dance-drama of fantasy and passion telling the story of a bridegroom who takes a dream-like step into the past before launching himself into the unknown world of the future.

The concert will feature famous Lebanese dancing - a rich and vivid combination of ballet and sophisticated belly-dancing. The artists wear resplendent outfits and enact their roles in the drama with dancing, gestures and expressions with the background of Arabic music.

Robert Nosr, managing director of Gulf Promotions, claims to have spared no expenses to hold the concert and promises a rich visual experience for the audience.

"We purposely chose Arab Ford, one of the most charming historical landmarks of Bahrain, to stage the show so that more people can come and appreciate it. This is why we built an entire amphitheatre of the fort." He said that students will be admitted at reduced prices.

The Caracalla Dance Company was founded by Abdul Halim Caracalla and made its international debut in 1972. It has performed all over the world.

Company honoured

GULF AIR presented its 1987 Gulf Air Silver Falcon Award on Sunday to Al Mulla Cargo Company in recognition of the company's outstanding performance in cargo sales last year.

Chandru Gurnani, general manager of Al Mulla, received the award on behalf of his company from Gulf Air's Area Manager Abdulla Al Alawi at a reception at the Gulf Hotel.

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WHAT'S ON

MUSIC

Swiss pianist gives recital

NOV 23: Swiss pianist Werner Bartschi will give a recital at the Al Jabra Ballroom, Meridian Hotel. He will play compositions by Bach, Chopin, Janacek, Franck and his own works. Tickets available at the Meridian Hotel.

Piano and Violin Recital

NOV 23: Kuwait Hilton will present a piano and violin recital by Matthias Kellig and Tibor Kovacs. They will play compositions by Beethoven, Schubert and Brahms. Tickets available from the Hilton Lobby.

Filipino Song Festival

NOV 25: The Kapitanang Pilipino sa Kuwait will stage their third annual song festival at the Trade Union Hall, Maidan Hawalli, at 4 pm. All Filipinos are welcome.

SOCIAL

Hi-Tech/Culture Show

UNTIL NOV 8: High-Tech Show at the Hilton: eye-catching new electronic goods.

NOV 7: Hilton Hotel Japanese cultural show featuring traditional "fast foods," magic show, "candy-making," traditional games and folk dances.

Both events are at Kuwait Hilton. All are welcome. Admission free.

NOV 10: SAS Hotel, The Tent, 9:30 pm: Airline staff will hold a social evening with music by Juke Box Band, Stepping Stones, and Remy D'Mello/Tony Pinto Jazz Quartet. Buffet, contest, prizes and surprises. For reservation contact Ken Winston — 5740256; Celestino — 2420631; Shashi — 2420002; Tony — 2415439.

NOV 11: from 11.30 am. The Punjabi Cultural Society will hold the Diwali Mela (fair) at the Indian Arts Circle. The all-day event features lots of fun for adults and children. Highlights include games, home-made Punjabi food. All Indians are welcome.

Danish Meeting NOV 11: Daniella invites all Danes for a desert picnic on Friday from 10 am. For details contact Karen Marie — 3715146; Annette — 3720182 ext. 33.

NOV 12: SAS Hotel, 10 am: Contact, the ladies information group, will hold a meeting. Newcomers to Kuwait are particularly welcome. Tel: 4874513; 5388105.

NOV 17: Second social get-together at a local hotel. Music by Stepping Stones. For details ring 2407360 after 3.30 pm.

Brer Rabbit NOV 12-18: 6.30 pm. Brer Rabbit, a children's musical show, will be performed at the Universal American School. Directed by Ken Winston.

NOV 17-18: matinees at 3 pm at the same venue. For reservations call 5740256; 7, 9 am - 1 pm; 4.30 - 7 pm; or 5731782.

Kuwait Welsh Society NOV 23 (Wed): Kuwait Welsh Society will hold "Tramps Supper." For further details call 3713467.

Kuwaiti Caledonians NOV 24: St Andrews Night Dinner will be held at Messiah Beach Hotel. Guests from Scotland will be Abie and John Carmichael. For details and reservations ring 5335082; 3727690 ext. 253.

HOTELS Al Messiah Beach MUBARAKIYAH RESTAURANT: open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birth-

day special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

At the Holiday Inn "SEA Drama on Ice," offering seafood specialties in Al Dana every Wednesday; on Thursdays, an Indian night offering exotic cuisine and entertainment by Arab singers. Friday brunch: fun 'n' surprises for children and parents at the weekly brunch, 11 am to 3 pm.

At the Sheraton RICCADO'S: Italian cuisine; music by the Sienna's Duo. Lunch and dinner, daily. Closed on Fridays.

Al Hambra: Sundays: Lebanese cuisine; Wednesdays: seafood night; Friday's buffet brunch. Entertainment by the Marcus Band provide live entertainment.

Hunt Room: lunch and dinner rest., specialises in meat and fish dishes.

Le Tarbouche: daily lunch and dinner buffet featuring Arab cuisine.

Tuesdays: Arab world specialties; Fridays: buffet lunch and dinner.

Coffee Shop: international cuisine and daily specials; ideal for casual or business meeting.

At the Ramada LE MIRAGE NIGHT CLUB: Thursday night BBQ, full buffet; music by Al Arzz Band.

Al Bender Coffee Shop: Continental and Arabic buffets for breakfast, lunch and dinner; 6 am to midnight; a la carte available.

Al Gandoul Grill Garden: 7 pm to midnight, features a selection of grilled specialties.

Open Garden: 7 pm to midnight, a selection of teas, coffees, and juices; Argulla water pipe available; videos shown on large screen every day.

Fish and Chips Shop: 4 pm to 11 pm.

Take away counter: 4 pm to 11 pm. Arabic sandwiches and snacks.

At the Continental GARDENIA: 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch.

Darbar: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

At the Meridian LA BRASSERIE: Thursday's Jam Session, foot tapping jazz music by Remy D'Mello; family fun on Fridays; oriental buffet with music and video cartoons.

Versailles: lunch and dinner — grilled seafood; meat or fish fondue; grilled salmon.

Finger Tea Lounge: banana promotion; plus tea, coffee, refreshments and juices served in oriental atmosphere of tea lounge.

SPORTS Windsurfing Competition LAST chance to enter the annual windsurfing and photographic competitions, which will be held at the SAS Club on Nov 11. Super prizes. Closing date for entries is Nov 9. Application forms available at SAS Club reception. For details call 4745916 or 9022058.

PBAK bowling tournament THE PBAK knockout bowling tournament has been postponed and will be held in the last week of November. The dates will be announced later. However, registration continues for the PBAK second Filipino non-pro. Rules will be announced after completing entry forms. Deadline: Nov 22. For details call Sarah Macarimbang — Tel: 484-3447.

BA Speedbird Trophy NOV 18 (Friday), 9 am: Forty-five over-all day match for the BA Speedbird Trophy between a Great Britain XI and an Indian Select XI at the KOC Ground, Ahmadi. India XI's Man of the Match will win a roundtrip ticket: Kuwait-Madras or Kuwait-Delhi. All are welcome.

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INDIAN VIDEO ROUNDUP

Touching realism

By Fathima Ahmed

FEROZE KHAN'S name is synonymous with gloss and glitter. Remember Qurbani and Jaanbaaz? Both spectacular commercials, slickly produced with an eye on box office. Remaking the Tamil classic Nayakan as Dayavan, Feroze sticks to glamour he is attuned to but imbues realistic issues with much sympathy.

In a recent interview with a film magazine, Feroze described Nayakan as "cinema brimming with compassion and humanity" and admitted he was "spell-bound" by the original. Some of that "humanity and compassion rubs off on Feroze's Dayavan, but the issue remains dormant, on the outskirts of the main theme as it were, gaining force in the poetic justice of the climax.

Dayavan emphasises metamorphosis, brimming with touching realism. It is generally believed that the film Nayakan is based on the life of the underworld don Vardarajan. How far or how close Dayavan's Shakti Velu is to the real don is difficult to judge, because Feroze, has said he did not study Vardarajan's life before making the film.

Unable to see Nayakan, because copies were not available in the video shop due to renewed interest in the film, I cannot compare the two films.

Feroze has made Dayavan with much sympathy for the protagonist, showing him to be the product of vicious circumstances; ruthless yet compassionate, a mixture that gives credibility to Shakti Velu. He kills mercilessly and foregoes pleasure to let the call-girl study for her exams the next morning. It is this juxtaposition that makes Shakti endearing, humane, fearless and durable. He endures pain if inflicted on him but hits back with fury when someone near or dear to him is hurt.

"I don't know what is right or wrong. If what I do helps a few people, it must be done," he repeats to his estranged daughter, a wisdom learned from the man who sheltered him in childhood. The girl can't accept her father's dual personality. Shocked and disturbed she leaves home.

Dayavan's only friend is his childhood buddy — Shankar, whose unquestioned obedience and loyalty see the man through tragedy and glory. There is more tragedy in the man's life, moving viewers through Feroze's sympathetic direction.

Vinod Khanna in the title role seems to have put heart and soul into the role, giving much credibility to the character, almost making him come alive — warts and all.

Feroze Khan, who plays a supporting role, gives a fine



Feroze Khan plays Shankar.

performance. Madhuri Dixit plays Dayavan's wife, Amala is convincing as his daughter, Sarita. And Amrish Puri excels as the horrible police inspector who terrorises slum dwellers.

One can overlook Feroze's indulgences — like the dances. They are part of commercial cinema, and though Dayavan is a slick production and far better, particularly due to some fine camerawork by Kamal Bose.

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Daughter Sarita (Amala) confronts Dayavan (Vinod Khanna).

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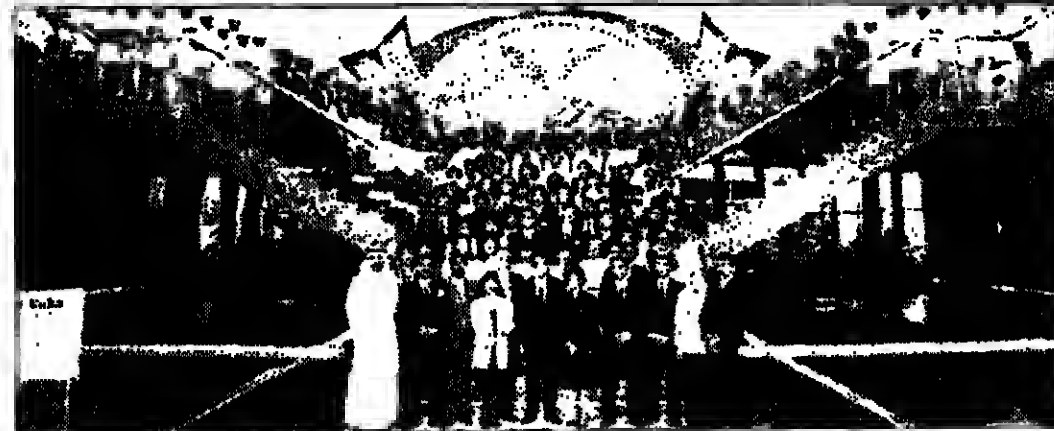
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The Holiday Inn staff pictured at the ceremony.

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LOVE truth, but pardon error — Voltaire, French writer (1694-1778).

Israeli election results

Stalemate on peace, prod to violence

By G.G. Labelle

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM. (AP): Only two things seem certain after Israel's parliamentary election: the results promise little prospect for ending the stalemate in the Arab-Israeli conflict but pose a danger of increasing violence.

While much of the campaign centred on how best to make peace with the Arabs, voters did not deliver a clear mandate to either the right-wing Likud Bloc or the left-of-centre Labour Party with their opposite plans for a settlement.

"The prolonged division of the electorate into two nearly equal parts on this central issue is a recipe of continued paralysis," analyst Yosef Gocli wrote in the English-language Jerusalem Post.

The likely outcome of Tuesday's vote is that Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir of Likud will lead a coalition government formed with religious parties or be forced to bring his Labour rivals into a coalition once again, this time as junior partners.

In either case, Shamir's ideas will dominate government policy on the peace process and the "intifadah," the Palestinians' nearly 11-month-old uprising against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

He has rejected an international peace conference urged by the Arabs, and by Foreign Minister Shimon Peres of Labour. He refuses to give up occupied land. He offers "autonomy" in the Palestinian under the Camp David accords.

In an interview last week, Shamir said his election would signal the Arabs that peace could only be achieved if Egypt, Jordan and moderate Palestinians would join in direct talks with Israel based on the 1978 US-sponsored accords.

But Hanna Siniara, a Palestinian moderate who is editor of the pro-PLO Al Fajr newspaper, said the Arabs were not about to knuckle under and accept

Shamir's effort to resuscitate the Camp David peace formula. When asked by the Israeli daily newspaper Haaretz how Palestinians would deal with a Likud-led government, he replied: "We will have to cope with a difficult situation and make these parties abandon the ideas of Camp David, which are not acceptable to anyone in the Arab world."

Peace Said Kanaan, a West Bank businessman, was even harsher in his response. He said the vote showed Israelis don't want peace and added: "We will hit back. The moderate voice in the Palestinian camp is finished."

Eytan Gilboa, a Hebrew university political science professor, said Tuesday's vote also could halt any move by the Palestine Liberation Organisation to at least implicitly recognise Israel at a meeting later this month by the Palestine National Council, the PLO parliament.

"It could be that the PLO would not do anything except issue an empty declaration of a Palestinian state and would justify this on the basis of the results here," he said. "This means, again, that not much movement will be forthcoming."

Before the election, there was a theory that a hardliner like Shamir could best make peace with the Arabs, in the same way that former Prime Minister Menachem Begin did with Egypt in 1979.

Restraints But Tuesday's vote, while it rejected Peres' ideas for peace, also did not endorse Shamir's calls for annexing the West Bank and Gaza Strip. His promise to put down the Palestinian uprising against Israel's 21-year occupation also faces restraints.

The United States and Israel's European allies already have criticized Labour Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin's policies of beating and shooting to halt the rebellion. More importantly, Shamir has said he is limited in using force if he ever wants to make peace.

Security precautions in Afghanistan

By Earleen Fisher

KABUL. (AP): The people who most wanted the Soviets to leave Afghanistan are taking the biggest security precautions now that the Red Army is pulling out. The US embassy has gathered two tons of barbed wire to coil atop its 7-foot-high (2.1-metre) stone walls and plans to install metal plates inside its steel-bar gates, according to a source who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The Americans, like other Western nations that opposed Moscow's nine-year military intervention in Afghanistan, long ago scaled down their embassy staff in a combination of diplomatic protest and concern for personal welfare. After the Soviet withdrawal began in May, most embassies further reduced their staffs for security reasons.

The United Nations, which mediated the Geneva accord that led to the Soviet withdrawal, has reduced its expatriate staff by two-thirds since July 1.

Security "The political situation and the security situation are two different things," said a Western source who spoke on condition he was not identified further. "One thing about the Russians — they're good at security and you don't have to worry about who's out there in the streets."

This source and others said the new round of security measures did not stem from any specific threats against their institutions. Instead, they said, the measures were a response to general uncertainty as the Kabul government prepares to get it alone in defending the capital against Muslim guerrillas after the Soviets depart.

The guerrillas' rockets, fired from mountain ridges surrounding the capital, have achieved notoriety for their inaccuracy. In addition to blowing up eight Soviet Sukhoi-25 ground attack jets at Kabul Airport two months ago, the guerrillas also have launched rockets that exploded in residential neighbourhoods and crowded marketplaces, in or

near the French and US embassy compounds, the UNICEF compound and the German club, a retreat frequented by non-Soviet bloc foreign residents.

Some UN buildings are now sandbagged as high as their second-storey windows, a security precaution that was lacking five months ago.

Fears There also are fears of a different kind of attack if security in the streets deteriorates. Last April, the US embassy pulled its staffers out of their homes and into the embassy compound for several days after receiving what one called "information about a specific, Iranian-inspired threat" against Americans.

No attack materialised, but the embassy building now has provisions in house and feed at least a score of people for two months, sources said.

Iran borders Afghanistan to the west, and thousands of Afghan refugees have returned home from Iran since the Soviet withdrawal started. About 17 per cent of Afghanistan's people are Shi'ite Muslims, like the vast majority of Iranians. But there's been little evidence of an Afghan version of Ayatollah Khomeini's virulent anti-Americanism, largely because the United States has been one of the principal suppliers of arms to the anti-government guerrillas.

More than one-third of Afghanistan's 15 million people left the country in the last decade. The United Nations has appealed for \$2 billion over the next five years to facilitate their return and help rebuild the country.

Rehabilitation But at a time when ground-work should be laid for massive rehabilitation projects, the UN staff in Afghanistan has shrunk to skeletal proportions.

The 118 foreign employees of UNICEF, the UN Development Programme and other UN agencies who were in Kabul last July have dwindled to about 40, after security-triggered instructions from UN headquarters in New York.

Britain is not too enthusiastic

By Robert J. Wieleaard

BRUSSELS, Belgium. (AP): A single-market European Economic Community will come with the beginning of 1993 when national trade barriers fall.

But Britain has pulled the emergency brake on what its partners see as a logical next step: a United States of Europe.

In doing so, it has reinforced the view from the continent that Britain has not travelled far from the day in 1952 when then Conservative Prime Minister Winston Churchill remarked:

"I love France and Belgium, but we must not allow ourselves to be pulled down to that level."

Integration In recent speeches, British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher has dismissed the idea of 12 fully integrated economies with one central bank, one currency, joint monetary and foreign policies and EEC-wide social rules to protect workers.

In 1985, the EEC states agreed to create a frontier-free market of 320 million consumers by Dec 31, 1992.

At the EEC headquarters in Brussels and in all EEC capitals, except London, the treaty is seen as a stepping stone to more political, monetary and social

integration after after 1992.

But Thatcher has opened a front urging her partners not to get excited by "by Utopian goals" of European federalism. She says:

● Europe must keep borders, if only for security and health reasons.

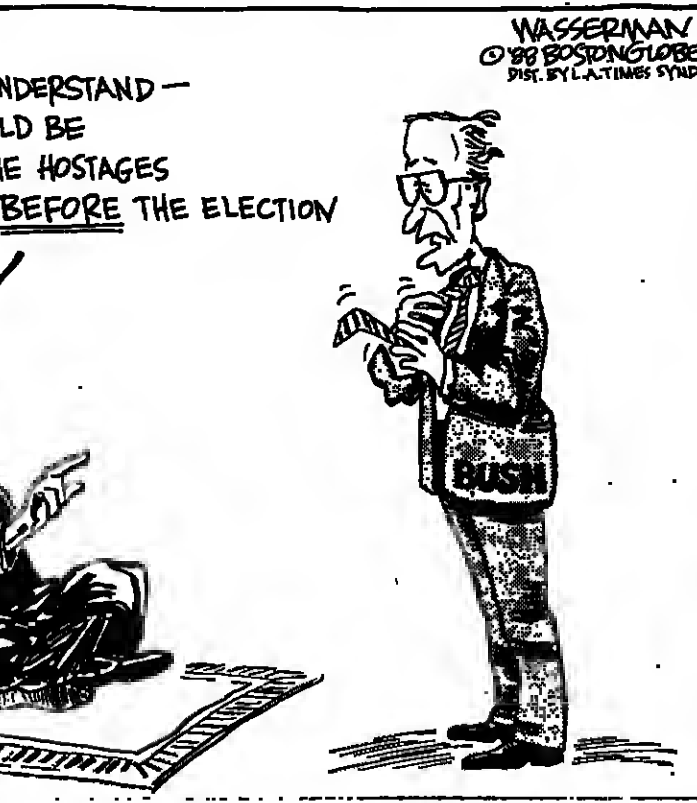
● A United States of Europe puts too much power in the hands of the 12,000 "Eurocrats" in Brussels at the expense of national sovereignty in monetary and political policies.

● Europe must remain a union of sovereign states whose economies are driven by free market forces, not EEC bureaucrats.

Thatcher is no stranger to internal EEC battles. But this time she assails not beef prices but her partners' deep-seated ideal of a Europe united beyond economic terms.

A single market is said to be expected to boost the EEC economy by 5 per cent, cut prices by 6 per cent and yield some 2 million additional jobs.

More access to goods and services by cutting red tape at borders, creating EEC-wide technical and industrial product



Civil war in south Sudan drags on

By Dalia Balligh

KHARTOUM, Sudan. (AP): Some 6 million civilians have become pawns in Sudan's stalemated civil war in the south between rebel fighters and the Sudanese Army.

Relief experts estimate as many as 260,000 civilians have died this year while fleeing the southern war zone, and thousands more are suffering from the siege warfare tactics used by both sides.

Government forces control most major towns in the south, but the Sudan People's Liberation Army, or SPLA, is blockading many towns, keeping supplies out and starving people in. Some relief officials like Brian Wannop of the United Nations Development Programme accuse the insurgents of forcing other civilians from their homes and into displaced persons camps to embarrass a government unable to care for them.

At the same time, Prime Minister Sadek El Mahdi's government refuses to allow relief supplies into rebel-held areas and has expelled at least four relief agencies on the grounds that they dealt with the rebels in providing help.

In late October, the United States asked the SPLA for safe conduct to airlift food to 100,000 people in the besieged southern town of Aweil, where the government said 8,000 people starved last summer.

The rebels withheld permission and demanded an equal amount of aid for a nearby town they control, relief officials and the SPLA said. Relief agencies were reported trying to negotiate a way to get food to both towns.

Meanwhile, the war drags on with neither side yielding.

Although the rebels have scored some recent battlefield successes, engagements remain relatively small, hampered by logistics problems on both sides.

Tim Nihlock, director of the Middle East Politics Programme at Britain's Exeter University and a specialist on Sudan, sees little hope for a breakthrough.

"At present, neither (side) has enough power to change the situation," Nihlock said in a telephone interview from Exeter.

In five years of warfare, a third of southern Sudan's civilian population of 6 million has been put to flight in search of a haven in northern Sudan and neighbouring Ethiopia. The remaining 4 million people either are

southern cities and towns or roam the countryside, trying to avoid looting and attacks by rebels.

The government accuses the rebels' main backer, Marxist-ruled Ethiopia, of being behind the insurgents' refusal to negotiate a settlement. Many Western experts believe the government's insistence on perpetuating Islamic law in Sudan is goading the rebels to continue the fight.

The conflict boils down basically to a war between the Arab-descended Muslim majority in the north and the ethnically African Christian and animist minority in the south. This cleavage has existed during much of independent Sudan's history, which began on Jan. 1, 1956, with approval from Britain and Egypt.

Traditionally, the north has dominated and kept from the south income from sales of southern mineral wealth and crops, putting little back into the backward southern society.

Rebellion Renegade Army Col John Garang launched the rebellion in the spring of 1983, demanding autonomy for the three southern provinces, a larger share in the economy and administrative reforms.

Then President Gaafar Nimeiri imposed Islamic law throughout Sudan the following September, fuelling the insurrection. After Nimeiri's generals overthrew him 18 months later, Garang vowed to fight on until Islamic law, or sharia, is abolished.

The prime minister refused, saying that Garang is trying to dictate how Sudan's 16 million Muslims should live, but unlike Nimeiri, El Mahdi agrees to exempt non-Muslims.

On the battlefield, the government admits that the rebels have made gains in recent weeks. It described the losses of six garrisons as tactical withdrawals by its forces from small outposts.

Western military sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said rebels also are putting increased pressure on an important garrison at Nasir in the Upper Nile province.

Taking Nasir, they said, could give Garang's movement a strong foothold to increase its attacks on the central and western parts of Upper Nile. Additionally, pressure on Tori in Equatoria region could open the rebels' way to the important southern capital Juba, the Western sources said.

United Europe remains elusive goal

standards and closing the gaps in tax rates, will save consumers up to 258 billion European Currency Units (\$300 billion).

The British prime minister favours a single market, but feels "pragmatic answers must be found to specific questions" resulting from the new arrangement, said a British diplomatic source, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

These questions touch on integrating the monetary, social and political policies of the EEC members after 1992.

Frontiers The single market treaty of 1985 speaks in very general terms of such integration as goals.

The internal market, says Hans Tietmeyer, West German Secretary of State for Finance, is separate from "the more far-reaching goal of economic and monetary union."

But he adds the EEC must eventually have a central bank and a single currency if it is to compete with the United States and Japan.

Others, notably French President Francois Mitterrand, agree.

"Not in my lifetime," Thatcher says of a single central bank.

"We have not successfully rolled back the frontiers of the state in Britain only to see them reimposed at the European level, with a European super-state exercising a new dominance from Brussels."

Also, the EEC, she says, must have borders to fight terrorism such as that of the outlawed Irish Republican Army which fights British rule in Northern Ireland. But EEC competition commissioner Peter Sutherland warns that borders will reduce the benefits of 1992.

"The most dangerous frontier ... in terms of terrorist activity is (that) between North and South Ireland. Yet we have had a free travel area between Britain and Ireland for many years with no passport checks."

Thatcher's attitude is seen as a retreat from the 1985 single market treaty.

"Under that text is also the signature of the British government," said EEC External Relations Commissioner Willy de Clercq recently.

Thatcher's EEC colleagues

have replied to her views without mentioning her by name.

"A Europe 'a la carte' cannot be our goal," West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl said in Brussels recently, meaning that the EEC states must take the whole EEC menu, not select courses they like.

"We must all be ready to make the required compromises and sacrifices. The community is doomed to failure if anyone was to try to pick out the raisins."

Thatcher's view of post-1992 Europe reveals fundamental differences between her free enterprise attitude and those of her more moderate EEC partners.

Aid She aims in particular at EEC Commission President Jacques Delors, a socialist and former French finance minister.

Delors is keen to point out that 1992 will primarily benefit EEC industry by removing barriers that still limit trade within the EEC.

He and Europe's trade unions say the EEC must balance an expected rise in trade within Europe by EEC-wide social legislation to protect workers

rights. These would include more aid for poor southern regions and uniform rules on social security, working hours and minimum wages.

"Average income of workers in West Germany is three times higher than in Portugal, Spain or Greece," says Wim Bergans, spokesman for the European Trade Union Confederation in Brussels.

"If we want to break open the EEC and step up competition we must also harmonise wages. If not, workers in the EEC will be played out against each other. That's not the kind of single market we want."

Thatcher rejects talk about the so-called "social dimension" of Europe after 1992 as "social engineering."

The debate of the shape of a future Europe is not likely to abate soon.

To date, it has been held in public speech-making only, but it will surface in the first face-to-face exchanges for the first time when the EEC leaders meet from Dec 2 to 3 on the Greek island of Rhodes.

Puzzle over Bush, Dukakis policies

deeply involved in the changes ... there's been practically bi-partisan silence."

The US trade deficit, particularly with Japan, has also received short shrift in the campaign rhetoric.

"They just haven't addressed it," said Martin Weinstein Japan expert at the Centre for Strategic and International Studies in Washington. "Perhaps it's because it has to do with the basic problem of making the American economy work, which they didn't address either."

One Western diplomat said he gave Dukakis slightly higher points for looking at security issues.

"Dukakis has tried to do it from time to time, and Bush has kept on dancing away from it," he said. "Dukakis has talked about his interest in a comprehensive (nuclear) test ban. That's quite a major issue, but the Bush side has simply ignored it."

Policies Part of the problem is that in many areas there are almost no discernible differences between the candidates.

Both have pledged to continue Reagan's policies towards the Soviet Union on arms control. They also have virtually the same position on the Middle East and the defence relationship with Western Europe.

But vice-president Bush, the

heir to the foreign policies of President Reagan, is a stronger supporter of the "Strategic Defence Initiative" — "Star Wars" — and the Contra rebels in Nicaragua.

Dukakis, on the other hand, appears likely to be tougher on reducing the defence budget and forcing Japan to cut its trade surplus with the United States.

"Bush said we have to be strong against the Soviet Union. But that's not foreign policy, that's a more domestic issue, that the US should be proud of itself," said Sakoh.

"It's a sort of nationalistic, isolationist approach rather than (a discussion of) what the US should do in Eastern Europe, or how the US should deal with Soviet military power or whatever."

"There's almost no discussion at all. Even though you have a crisis in Israel, there hasn't been one word about Israel."

Policy *Washington Post* is an important factor. Opinion polls suggest a weak voter reaction to such strategic and foreign policy issues, so the candidates veer away to more emotive, domestic-related topics.

But analysts said there was also no evidence that either side has fully worked out its foreign policy.

"Probably neither of them has thought it through sufficiently," said Garthoff.

Rajiv using TV to his own advantage

and her trips abroad," said Ashis Nanday, a political analyst with the Centre for the Study of Developing Societies.

"Her son has taken it one step further, using it to project himself not only as a leader but as a person. To a large number of Indians, he is the first Indian prime minister who is also a television personality."

Today, television is available in almost 75 per cent of the country. The entire country will be within reach of the government network, Doordarshan, by the end of next year, when Rajiv must call parliamentary elections.

Speculation has been mounting in the Indian press that Rajiv will call a "snap" poll, possibly as early as March, dealing a blow to a fractious and pugacious opposition trying to rally under the green flag of the Janata Dal (people's party).

Independent India envisaged a multiparty political system. But in the 42 years since gaining independence from Britain, India has been governed for all but 29 months by the Congress Party, the 104-year-old institution synonymous with Jawaharlal Nehru, India's first prime minister and Rajiv's grandfather.

Victory Janata Dal, a patchwork of three regional parties, is pinning its hopes for victory on Viswanath Pratap Singh, a former Gandhi ally and now one of the prime minister's most vocal critics. But the new coalition party has been beset by hickering, internal power struggles and accusations of corruption and nepotism.

"While its leaders pontificate proudly about the evils of the Rajiv Gandhi government, they themselves are no angels. And as they spit and bark and growl at each other in a public display of pettiness that passes off for 'unity talks' they do themselves, the voters and the nation a grave disservice," India Today, a biweekly magazine, concluded

after a poll suggested a united opposition could unseat Congress and deny Rajiv a second five-year term.

After Prime Minister Indira Gandhi was assassinated by two bodyguards on Oct 31, 1984, son picked up the mantle in a nation visibly anxious about internal problems and fearful of outside aggression.

Although the former airline pilot had little political experience, he offered fresh ideas to ancient problems and a high tech vision for modern India.

He promised to cut through the bureaucratic red tape and unleash India's business potential, clean up the political structure, reduce poverty in a nation where 45 per cent of the people can't afford two meals a day and control a population that increased by 70,000 a day.

His popularity soared in the months following the assassination and peaked with a landslide victory that transcended religious, caste and ethnic boundaries.

But change hasn't come as fast or as easily as Rajiv wanted.

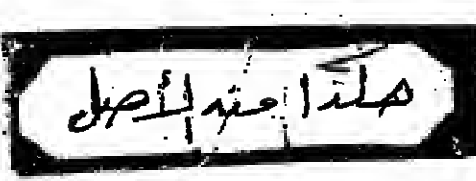
The honeymoon ended in 1986 with disclosures that the finance ministry had hired an American detective agency to investigate the illegal overseas bank accounts of Indians, a controversial move in a nation wary of foreign influence. Then came the announcement that the government was investigating whether kickbacks were paid on lucrative defence contracts for Swedish artillery guns and West German submarines.

None of the charges was proved, but Rajiv was forced to go to the floor of parliament and deny personal involvement.

At the same time, domestic problems mounted. Attacks by Sikh extremists in northern Punjab state rose dramatically, and an Indian-sponsored peace accord in neighbouring Sri Lanka collapsed and Indian troops were sent to the island to put down a separatist rebellion.

TODAY IN HISTORY

- 1659 — Peace of the Pyrenees is reached between Spain and France.
- 1733 — Spain and France sign Treaty of Escorial and form alliance against England.
- 1807 — Russia breaks off relations with England.
- 1876 — Russia prepares for war against Turkey.
- 1920 — Serious famine breaks out in China.
- 1939 — Sovereigns of Belgium and Holland approach Britain's King George VI advocating peace with Germany.
- 1959 — British and French declare ceasefire in Egypt, but Britain says it will evacuate troops only on arrival of United Nations Emergency Force.
- 1966 — Chinese diplomats walk out of Bolshevik anniversary celebration in Moscow after hearing Soviet criticism of Peking government.
- 1972 — West Germany and East Germany are set to establish formal relations after 23 years of hostility.
- 1973 — United States and Egypt announce they will resume diplomatic relations and exchange ambassadors.
- 1975 — India's supreme court reverses Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's conviction on two electoral offenses.
- 1981 — Soviet Defence Minister Dmitri Ustinov says USSR will never allow another nation to achieve military superiority.
- 1987 — Tunisia's President Habib Bourguiba is removed from office by his prime minister who says 84-year-old leader is too senile to rule.



By Virginia McKenna

Battling to save the rhino

In the valleys of Zambia and Zimbabwe poachers continue to hunt the black rhino.



The black rhino: in spite of all the efforts by the Save The Rhino Trust, the killing continues

"If you had been here yesterday, you would have seen six rhinos in the holding pens..." "Two days ago I saw a rhino down at Long Pool." Thirteen days into our Save The Rhino Trust safari through Zambia and Zimbabwe, I was beginning to feel really despondent.

In the 1970s the black rhino population in Zambia's Luan-gwa Valley was estimated at between 8,000 and 12,000. In 1984, this was down to about 3,130, and two years ago, in 1986, when the last official census was taken, the number had dwindled to 400. Now there are thought to be fewer than 100 in the valley, last stronghold of the rhino. In fact, in the whole of Africa there are only between 3,000 and 4,000 black rhino left.

In Zambia, plans to do something about the crisis are still vague. The idea of vast protected sanctuaries — such as those in Kenya — is still only being debated.

It was one lone individual who introduced a rare moment of optimism — David Lloyd, conservationist and ex-game warden from Kenya, who is in the final stages of negotiation with the private leasing of Kasanka National Park in the Northern Province. Of course, a survey is necessary to confirm the suitability of the habitat for dietary needs, the mineral content of the soil, and the water supply, but if the result is positive, Lloyd hopes to start work immediately.

His next hurdle will be finding the rhino. As the last census was two years ago, no one knows for certain where the animals are. Fears have also been expressed about the risk of translocation although the alternative is, of course, certain death at the hands of poachers and, ultimately, the extinction of the species.

Efforts In spite of all the efforts of Save The Rhino Trust, the killing continues. The demand for the rhino-horn has increased in places such as North Yemen where the rhino-horn dagger handle — priced at about US\$15,000 — is a status symbol. Powdered rhino horn is also used for medicinal purposes in the Far East.

In the 16-day trip through

remain the property of the government. But even a life-saving operation such as this takes its toll on the rhino — the stress of the capture and translocation alters the mother's milk supply, babies always have to be hand-reared (on cow's milk) and, at about five years old, they are released into the bush. (The ranches are so large it is virtually "the wild" for them.)

Arriving at camp at Mana Pools, we unpacked, had lunch and set off at 4 pm to look for rhino. Our guide was reasonably confident we would see one. He scanned the tracks on the dusty road and three of us sat on the roof, out hearts missing a beat every time we saw a large grey shape. They always turned out to be the hind quarters of an elephant (or a rock!). When the Land-Rover stopped suddenly and we were shown huge footprints leading to and then from the river, we became extremely excited. All was quiet on both sides of the road as we drove slowly through the dense shrubs, perfect rhino habitat.

Arriving at a dry river bed, we left the vehicle and walked through the hush to the border of trees lining the bank. There, right in front of us, was a pile of rhino dung and signs of scraping. "This was probably yesterday," we were told — the story of the whole trip.

We never saw any rhino — just photographed the footprints and the dung. But somehow we didn't feel quite so depressed: it was encouraging to see so much being done.

What is common to both Zambia and Zimbabwe, however, is the realisation that in the attempts to save wildlife and its environment, you must include the human element. It is all one thing — each dependent on the other. There has to be some benefit to people from conservation, otherwise, naturally, their own survival and the need to grow crops would take priority.

It is very difficult to tell people who don't have enough to eat that they should leave part of the land for the animals. But the logic is there for all to see: if the animals bring the visitors, the visitors bring money and the money can benefit the people.

Perhaps we don't need rhino any more — perhaps we don't need elephants, lions, gorillas, horses, birds, dogs, cats,.....

Zambia and Zimbabwe, organised by Eco Safaris and led by me, we sat and talked with many people about rhino — people whose experience of the bush, and of the African people who struggle to survive there gives them a special understanding. It is a quite different kind of conversation from that conducted around a table at committee meetings in cities where the world's problems are discussed and solved, and new ones created.

One of the most controversial ideas we heard was of dehorning the rhino and thus eliminating the reason for the poaching. But apart from the ethical argument (mutilating the animal and removing its main defence weapon), could this be really viable?

Once one had found the rhino in one area, subjected them to the stress of darting and horn-removing, and then moved on to find the others, it would soon be time to start the business all over again because the horns would grow back. Proponents of the idea argue that money raised from the sale of this "culled" horn could be ploughed back into anti-poaching. But this would surely be

prolonging, and pandering to, the demand by creating a "legal" horn trade.

We left Zambia with our thoughts in some confusion, but generally rather depressed. The task to save the remaining rhino seemed so huge, so difficult — perhaps it was even too late.

Zimbabwe had a rather different feel. As we passed the empty holding pens at Mana Pools in the Zambezi Valley and the scientists' research camp (a rhino census is currently being carried out by the zoologist Kevin Dunham, updating the one six months ago which traced about 700 rhino in the valley), we felt there was energy, expertise and action on "red alert".

In Zimbabwe it is indeed a Rhino War — poachers are shot on sight. That is official government policy. Poachers crossing the Zambezi from Zambia know this is the penalty but are still prepared to risk it. The chance to earn in a day what would normally take a year is irresistible.

Since May, 50 rhino have been captured in the Zambezi Valley — they have all gone to private game ranches hit

Mistreated animals have a friend in Bahrain

By Yakub Razzaque

ANIMALS in Bahrain now have a chance to live in a comfortable environment with proper care, thanks to a group of dedicated people.

A stray cat, a dog left chained in the blazing sun, a bruised donkey or an undernourished horse can now be rescued and be treated with loving care.

Until a few years back animal welfare was not high on the list of priorities in Bahrain. People were either ignorant of animals or simply were not willing to spend much time or effort catering to their needs. But things have changed.

A few years ago a Bahraini doctor, Khalil Rajah, and his wife, Betty, were driving home from a party when they spotted a weak, sick looking kitten wandering in the middle of the road. They took the kitten home and nursed it back to health.

The doctor, moved by the sight of the frail creature, vowed to do something about it. He got some of his friends together and initiated a campaign to promote animal welfare in Bahrain. The campaign gradually received

support from all walks of life.

Finally in December 1979, with the permission of the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, the Bahrain Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (BSPCA) was established.

Like most charitable institutions, the society had to struggle in its early days. The problem has always been mainly financial and on more than one occasion the society found itself in dire straits. In fact, in 1982, it was forced to close down due to lack of funds. Fortunately, it restarted in 1984 and since then, has been growing steadily.

The BSPCA strives to protect and take care of all kinds of animals in Bahrain. It tries to reach out to any animal in need of help where ever it may be. People who abuse or neglect their pets are advised in a gentle and tactful manner about how to treat their animals well.

According to a spokeswoman, it is not the policy of the society to use legal action, but rather to educate and enlighten people about the treatment of their pets.

"When we receive reports of such cases we immediately go to

the person concerned and try to make him realise the wrongness of his action. I am happy to say that this has always been the best way to solve the problem," she said.

But there are always instances when it is too late to do anything. Cruelty to animals sometimes reaches horrendous levels. There have been cases of people cutting off the ears of their pets or even starving them," she said.

"I think people do it out of frustration or boredom. When they suffer personal problems they take it out on their pets. When a man may simply kick his dog out of sheer boredom, it is called active cruelty. Passive cruelty is when people neglect their pets by not providing food and shelter from forgetfulness," explained the spokeswoman.

At present the sanctuary of the society has the capacity to comfortably house 25 adult dogs, 12 puppies, 12 cats and a few donkeys. It is also equipped with a kitchen for the animals.

There is always a space problem, since the number of animals is always increasing. Efforts are made to provide "responsible" homes for these

animals all over the country. Animals which are very old, sick or simply miserable are put to "sleep" by the veterinarian.

The BSPCA survives on donations and help both in cash and kind. Its main source of income is a thrift shop set up in October 1986 as an experiment. The shop, which has proved to be very successful, sells handicrafts, T-Shirts of the society, clothing and other miscellaneous items. Some items are sold on behalf of people for a commission. Income from the shop pays for all the society's expenses including rent, salaries and food for animals.

"We are always in need of more volunteers, especially for the sanctuary and fieldwork to attend to sick animals. Otherwise we are doing fine," said the spokeswoman.

The future of the society looks promising with an increasing number of people taking an interest in its activities. With generous media coverage, the society has succeeded so far in enlightening the public about their ethical duty towards all animals.

The society will celebrate its 10th anniversary next year.

What the well-dressed cow is wearing this winter!

By Geoffrey Lakeman

IT'S the latest fashion down on the farm... designer green wellies for cows.

After Yuppies and Dinkies we have Dumbos — Distinctly Upward Mobile Bovines.

And it costs a pretty penny to

keep them out. The boots cost £13.50 a leg, but Cornish farmer Steven Angwin reckons it's worth it.

They prevent his valuable dairy herd of 100 Friesians from getting foot rot as they roam the damp pastures of their farm at Lower Boscombe, near Bodmin.

Content

Steve, 34, said: "My land is low-lying and I kept getting cows with foot problems."

"Once a cow's hoof gets soft, stones and other foreign bodies stick in it and infection sets in. I tried wrapping the animals' feet in old fertilizer bags, but they kept falling off."

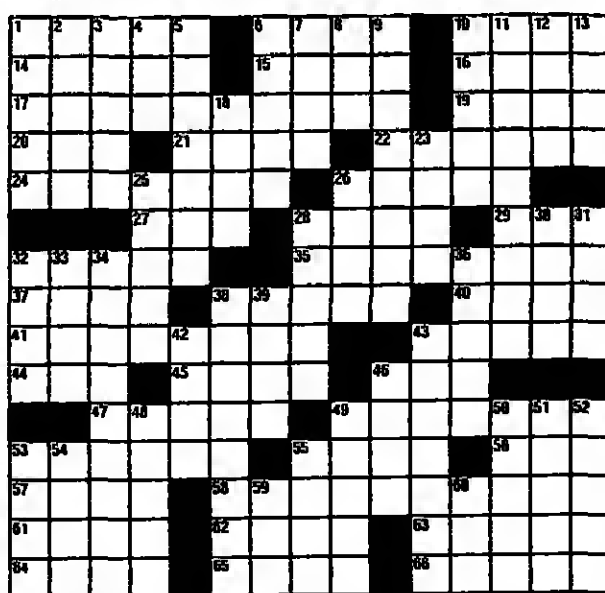


So Steve designed the "Hobble Boot" and got a rubber company in Scotland to run them up for his lovely ladies.

Now the herd, previously confined to the farmyard for up to six months of the year, roam in pastureland to their hearts' content.

Mind you, if it's a really wet winter, they'll be needing those waxed jackets so loved by the country set. With woolly linings, of course.

TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- 1 Braaks to harness
 - 6 Wave motion
 - 10 Barran
 - 14 Toward ship's stern
 - 15 Only sure cure for baldness
 - 16 Body of learning
 - 17 Just the place to cash in your chips
 - 19 Actor James
 - 20 Zool. affix
 - 21 Do a roundup job
 - 22 Verdant
 - 24 Landlords
 - 26 Deep guttural sound
 - 27 Charged particle
 - 28 Playwright O'Casey
 - 29 Took a chance
 - 32 Symbols of authority
 - 35 Pets popular with children
 - 37 Looking forward to
 - 40 Tolerates
 - 41 Gather in
 - 42 Wildlife preserve
 - 43 Whole lot
 - 44 System of belief
 - 45 Hodgepodge
 - 46 London's Old
 - 47 Prussian cavalryman
 - 49 Made merry
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 - 55 Unadulterated
 - 56 Comparative ending
 - 57 Not yet up
- DOWN**
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 - 3 Great enthusiasm
 - 4 Lizardlike salamander
 - 5 Music systems
 - 6 Cowboy's protective wear
 - 7 Also-ran of fable
 - 8 In cars it's subject to change
 - 9 Computer software items
 - 10 Alaskan highway, formerly
 - 11 Complaint about the entree?
 - 12 Tax shelters
 - 13 Withhold
 - 18 Preserve in a way
 - 23 Has charge of
 - 25 Long bout
 - 26 Equipment
 - 28 Plumed military

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

GENTLEMEN, THE LADIES!

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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 ♠ Q 10 4
 ♥ A K 8 3
 ♦ K J 7 3
 ♣ J 8

WEST
 ♠ K 3
 ♥ J 5 4 2
 ♦ A 9 2
 ♣ 10 5 3 2

EAST
 ♠ J 7 2
 ♥ 10 9 7
 ♦ Q 6 5 4
 ♣ 9 6 4

SOUTH
 ♠ A 9 8 6 5
 ♥ Q 6
 ♦ 10 8
 ♣ A K Q 7

The bidding:

North East South West
 1 ♥ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
 2 ♠ Pass 4 ♠ Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♣

We have often been accused of being male chauvinist pigs. On some counts we plead guilty, but not when it comes to ability at the bridge table. Perhaps at the very top level the males are dominant, but nowhere else need the ladies hide their heads in shame.

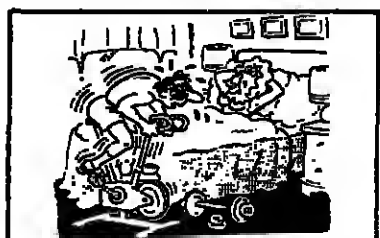
This deal was played in a duplicate game many years ago. Sitting North-South were two of the great players of the time, Charles Lochridge and Lee Hazen. Sitting East-West were their respective spouses. The males reached four spades on the auction shown.

West, Sylvia Hazen, realized that she could not expect much from her partner. So she found the devilish opening lead of a low diamond away from her ace. Her spouse Lee did not expect such a dastardly maneuver, so he not unnaturally elected to run the opening lead to his ten.

East's queen won, and a diamond was returned to the ace. West continued with a third diamond, taken on the table as declarer discarded a heart.

The percentage play in trumps was to take two finesses, but declarer decided instead to put some psychological pressure on West. He came to hand with the queen of hearts and led a low trump.

Without a moment's hesitation, West played low. Declarer finessed dummy's ten. East won the jack and shot back her last diamond. Now there was no way to prevent West from scoring her king of trumps for down one. As a result of this hand, the men finished fourth instead of first, while the ladies topped the East-West section.



"Tell me, what are you going to be fit for?"

"He's like his father... needs a bottle every two hours."

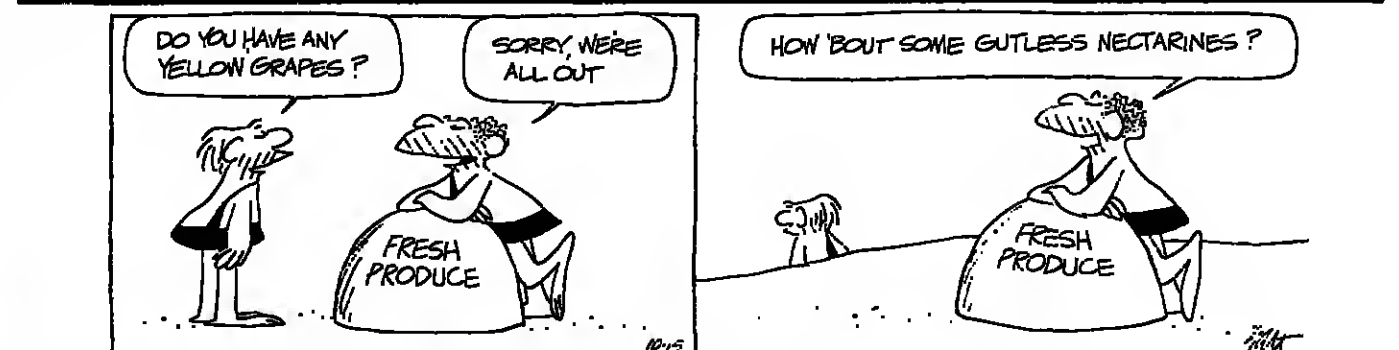
"There's no wind so I'm switching to the outboard motor!"

"I wish Barney would bring the paper without taking a bite out of the Page Three girl!"

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YOUR STARS

- Aries (March 20 - April 18)**
 You will find it easier to make up your mind. You should not try to proceed faster than your natural rhythm. Try to avoid taking on any further commitments just now. Be resourceful.
- Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**
 You will be at your best in the morning so do what is important first. A decision should be made sooner rather than later. Give others the benefit of any doubt. Be resolute.
- Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**
 You will find it hard to avoid a confrontation but should nevertheless try to do so. And do your utmost to avoid jumping to conclusions. Remember more haste, less speed. Be observant.
- Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19**
 Now is a good time to take the initiative but make sure you know where you are going. Do not allow yourself to be distracted by secondary matters. There is no time to lose. Be generous.
- Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**
 You will be able to take more interest in what is going on in your neighbourhood. Make sure you do not allow your paperwork to get into a muddle. You are too old to learn only if you think you are. Be courteous.
- Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**
 You will tend to act on impulse and should try to exercise a little more restraint. You should try to be swift, but not at the expense of precision. Watch out, not everything you are told is what you would like to think it is. Be loyal.
- Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**
 You are more liable to lose your way and should not hesitate to ask if you think you have. You will have plenty of energy but are liable to dissipate it. Show a little more goodwill. Be less resentful.
- Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**
 You will have to adjust yourself to change: there is no point in trying to resist. If you are wrong best to admit it rather than trying to bluff your way out. Make sure you do not take any health risks. Be forgiving.
- Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**
 You will succeed beyond your wildest dreams. You should not try to make others look foolish. Work hard, but do not let work take up all your leisure time too. Be reasonable.
- Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**
 Do not leave something that should be done now for later. Avoid changing the subject too often but also avoid boring others. Do not allow your peace of mind to be disturbed. Be conscientious.
- Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**
 After a tiring day you will be able to have a pleasant evening. Do not allow yourself to be caught off guard. Your best to avoid getting into bad habits. Be grateful.
- Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**
 There will be some tension but you will know how to cope with it. Do not ask too much from others especially if a skill you have acquired others might not have involved. Make sure you keep within speed limits. Be tolerant.

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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Safety: top priority at Daimler-Benz

ON a hot summer day a car was speeding across a desert highway in Qatar at 140 kph and collided with a truck.

It was a frontal collision. The car ran under the heavy duty truck and was almost crushed. Minutes later, a petrified driver stepped out with only a few scratches after what could have been a fatal accident.

The car was Mercedes-Benz. The driver promptly bought another Mercedes.

Why? asked the experts at Daimler-Benz in Stuttgart, West Germany.

"The driver was protected from severe head and chest injuries by the airbag, a must to save drivers in major frontal collisions," they insisted.

Some 60 per cent of all accidents are frontal collisions.

The airbag, an optional accessory, is fitted in the dashboard. A pyrotechnical gas generator integrated into the steering wheel and released by an electronic sensor on impact, fills the airbag. In case of a collision, the airbag automatically bursts open, protecting the driver from shattered glass.

This optional safety device, known as part of active safety in Mercedes vehicles, has been fitted in 450,000 Mercedes-Benz worldwide.

Belt tensioners, another safety device, installed in 25 million cars has become a standard feature in Mercedes-Benz automobiles.

The cause of accidents is open to debate. But researchers at Daimler-Benz in Stuttgart, West Germany, believe that "man is the cause of more than 90 per cent of all road accidents."

Since 1969, researchers at the Daimler-Benz plant have been studying the cause of accidents in Mercedes cars and injuries sustained by occupants.

Researchers look at how collisions occur, the extent and type of damage and the mechanisms which cause accidents. Studying injuries help experts focus on problem areas in a car.

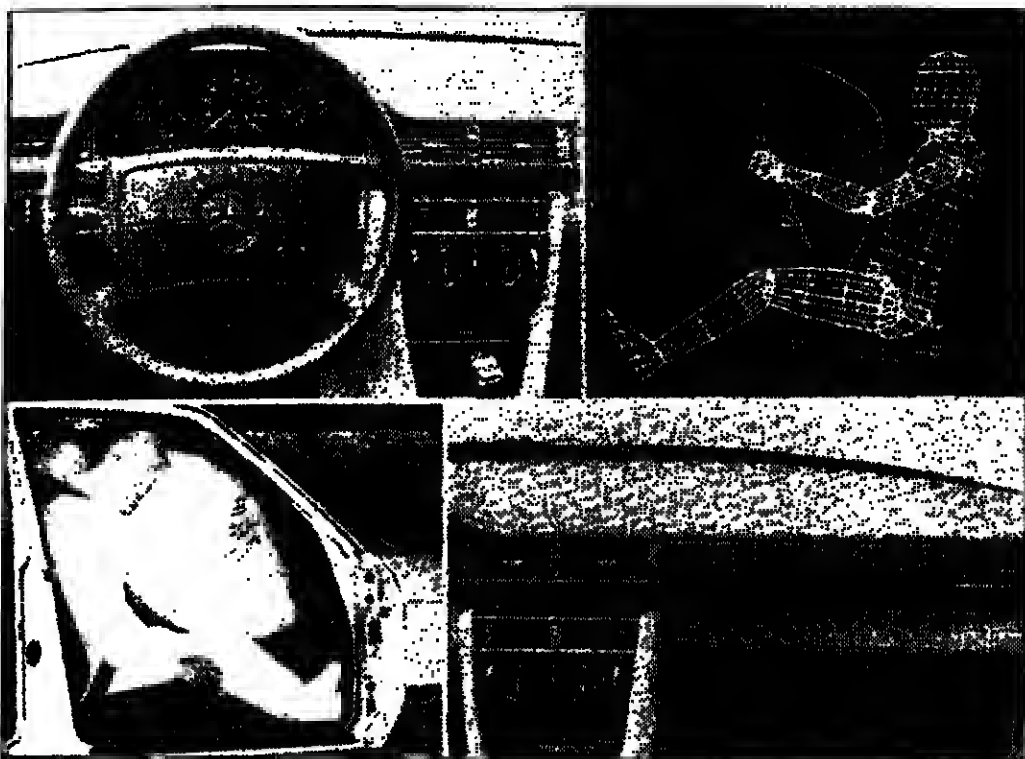
Traffic is heavy and accidents are commonplace these days. Dr Wolfgang Peter, a senior director at Daimler-Benz, believes that "though traffic safety is gaining in importance, not enough attention has been paid to it in public discussions."

More information on vehicle safety, he believes, would make people conscious of how the way people drive relates to safety.

Technology, plays a vital

At the Daimler-Benz plant in Stuttgart, West Germany, the home of the Mercedes-Benz, researchers and engineers lay a heavy emphasis on safety features — both active and passive. With 60 per cent of all motor accidents being frontal collisions there 'is no room for compromise.'

Fathima Ahmed, who visited the Daimler-Benz plant reports on Mercedes' safety programmes.



THE PASSENGER'S AIRBAG: is a new addition to the Daimler-Benz range of passive safety systems. In conjunction with the driver's airbag and the belt-tensioner (standard on the front seats of all Mercedes-Benz cars), this option forms part of a comprehensive occupant protection system. The passenger's airbag is installed in place of the glove compartment and significantly reduces the risk of injury in severe frontal collisions. A signal from an electronic control unit ignites gas generators which inflate the airbag in milliseconds.

role in vehicle safety, both active and passive.

Active safety means measures and features in cars that help a driver avoid accidents through driving safety, ride comfort, good vision and operational safety.

Passive safety refers to those hidden design features in cars that reduce the effect of accidents. These features include body design, restraint systems, seatbelts, belt-tensioners and front passenger airbags.

Dr Adam Zomator, a senior manager of the Chassis Advanced Development Department, said accidents are not only influenced by the driver and the vehicle but also by the environmental conditions.

To study accident causes one must look at the overall system or "driver-vehicle-environment," he said. Human errors cause more than 90 per cent of all road traffic accidents, he said.

"Human error is caused by the incorrect adaptation of technologies or traffic systems," says Dr Zomator, insist-

ing that it is imperative to initiate improvements in the area.

Daimler-Benz began their accident research programme 15 years ago. They record and evaluate accidents by simulating critical situations. Foam rubber dummies are placed in vehicles to study driver's reactions at the steering wheel, the brake pedal and the accelerator. Through the studies, theories on subjective safety and objective safety, are evolved.

Subjective safety is that which is experienced and perceived by the driver; objective safety is measured by speed, lateral acceleration and the tyre-road friction coefficient.

Stability

They study straight-line stability to determine disturbances caused by road roughness, acceleration or braking. They looked at braking to offset effects of skidding on slippery roads in winter, abrupt change of steering angle to avoid the rear end of a vehicle overshooting to any major degree; steady-state cornering to determine steering behaviour during understeering which can be controlled by a normal driver; power-off reaction during cornering, when power is abruptly reduced in bends so that it does not surprise a driver and double-lane changing.

Their basic goal, it seems, is to find a solution for the conflicting goals of driving safety and suspension comfort. This is incorporated in axle designs.

"A comfortable, shock-absorbing axle requires an elastic and soft suspension," explained Dr Zomator.

Each aspect of design is based on data developed from simulated tests on computers and in car crash test sites.

Daimler-Benz applies kinematics — the science of motion — to axle systems while designing the multi-link independent rear strut in Mercedes-Benz, and elastokinematics for the safe handling of the multi-link rear suspension. How it is applied is a long, and often complex and highly technical matter best understood by motoring engineers. For the layman, it means "optimising driving safety and ride comfort."

Technology plays a vital role in Mercedes-Benz designs. CARs — Computer Aided Road Simulation is a must before a model goes on the production line.

Before trial vehicles with new chassis or chassis components take to the road, preliminary tests are done with the help of computer simulations.

Development

Using mathematical models of all major components of a car — its engine, transmission, exhaust, steering, axles and body are tested.

This is followed by driving dynamics simulations on test rigs. Millions of Deutschmarks have been invested in the rigs. Experts claim that such test rigs are better than road testing because they are not dependent on weather conditions, save time and can satisfactorily reproduce conditions of measurement. The characteristics of axle suspension, which

could go unnoticed during road tests, are also revealed.

The newest development in the field of driving dynamics simulation are servo-hydraulic rolling platforms. Tests here can induce fore-and-aft and side forces. They are also used to develop dynamic measuring procedures.

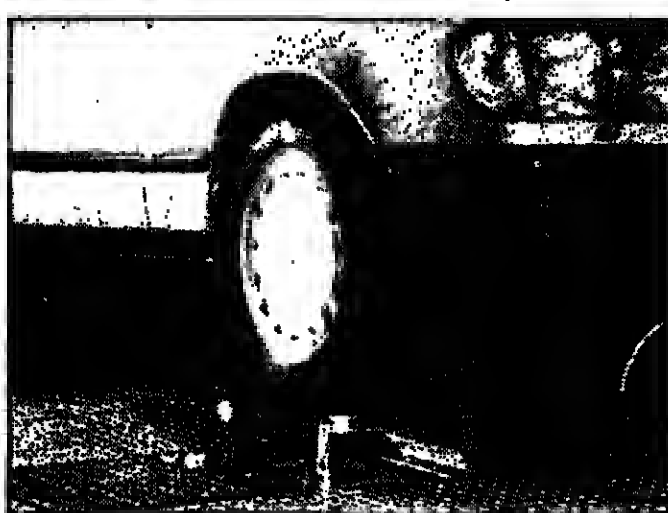
The Daimler-Benz executives are at pains to point out that "there is no room for compromise" when vehicle safety is involved.

So, in spite of computers, crash tests are vital. Mercedes cars are subjected to crashes of 55 kph to study the frontal impact against flat rigid barriers.

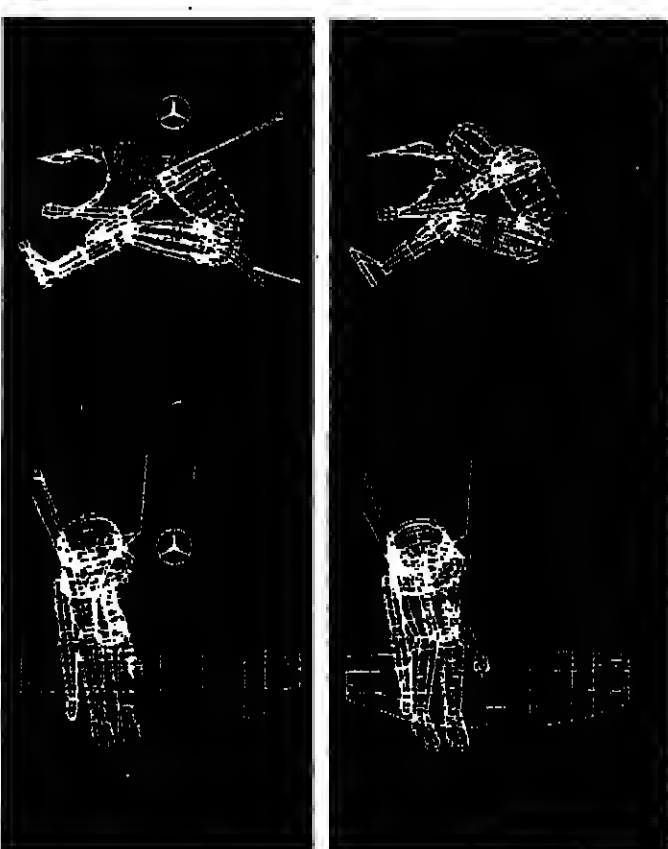
The areas of a vehicle often hit are the bumper, radiator, grill and the engine hood.

Other impacts are also studied: rear side impact with flexible barriers; and single side roof impact and multiple rollover.

The injury risks to pedestrians and cyclists are also simulated and studied. Many



ACTIVE SAFETY: Safe driving is always a primary consideration in the design of suspension and damping in a Mercedes-Benz. This demand placed on the suspension is synonymous with the need for the smallest possible wheel-load changes or, in more technical expression, minor variations of the wheel-load around the static value. High variations in the wheel-load lead to a loss of adhesion between the tyres and the road. Control of the vehicle is then limited or in extreme cases completely lost. This "extreme case" occurs when wheel-load is reduced to zero and "when bounce" sets in.



PASSIVE SAFETY: The prevention of head impact, particularly of the front passenger, is especially important in the design of the dashboard. This aim includes severe frontal collisions with possible rearward displacement of the dashboard. Daimler-Benz dashboards clearly show that dashboards designed with the driver in mind ("cockpit" form) by their very form significantly increase the risk of injury to the front passenger. They are therefore not used at all by Daimler-Benz.

of the tests are conducted at the driving simulator, set up in Berlin at a cost of DM 25 million.

Seventy-five per cent of testing is concerned with minimising risks for the vehicle's occupants. As a result, Mercedes executives claim that the risk of injury to occupants of present models has been reduced by 50 per cent compared with the models of 1968-75.

Greater use of seatbelts resulted in a drop of about 30 per cent and other safety features account for a 20 per cent drop in risk.

At the moment, 10,000 people are engaged in research and development at Daimler-Benz. Their annual budget is about DM 1.5 billion.

Research has led to the incorporation of such active safety design features as the multi-link independent rear suspension and the anti-lock brake system introduced in 1978 for cars and in 1981 for trucks.

The passive safety design features include a rigid passenger cell with deformable front and rear zones and the airbag and seat belt-tensioner. In the last few years, a reduction in fuel consumption also was achieved.

Improve

Researchers continue to find ways to further improve the efficient use of energy by designing a new engine with variable compression, cylinder and fuel shut-off, thermally insulated combustion chambers and exhaust gas outlets.

One long-term research project is the Benz gas turbine for cars with ceramic turbine wheels and a heat exchanger.

They are also working on finding an alternative fuel. Research is in progress to find a substance to replace petrol and diesel fuel. Fuel research concerns liquid gas-propane/butane, compressed or liquefied natural gas, alcohols such as methanol and ethanol, hydrogen and electricity.

The Mercedes-Benz "alternative fleet," comprising of 200 cars with 20 different drive and fuel variations, is used to conduct long-term investigations for an uncertain energy future.

For the moment, Mercedes-Benz is working to spread the message of traffic safety — active and passive in cars — in the Gulf.

This month, they will launch a campaign and take a roving exhibition to Qatar (Nov 9), Kuwait, the UAE (Dec), Saudi Arabia and Egypt.

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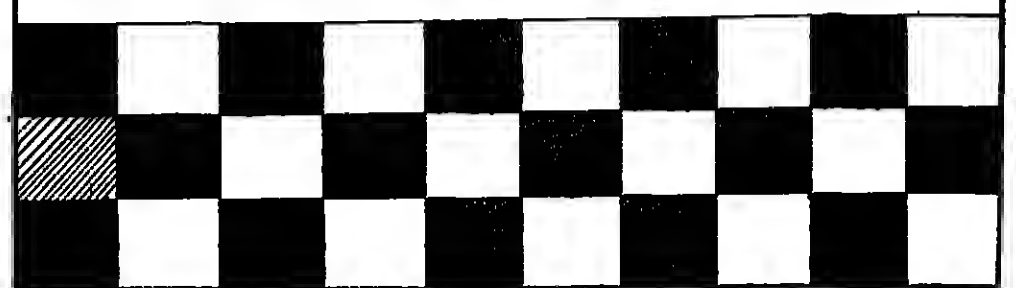
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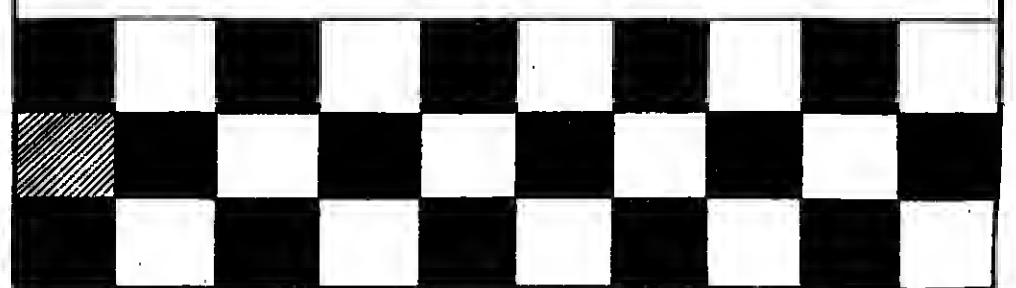
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Pianos make a first-time leap into the world of digital electronics with a device that reproduces every crescendo, nuance and unique tone of the pianist's interpretation.

By Laura Van Tuyl

BOSTON: One of the most impressive electronic instruments to hit the market these days isn't another wonderbox flying off the factory floors of Yamaha, Korg, or Casio.

It's coming from the 150-year-old Bosendorfer company in Vienna, one of Europe's most prestigious piano builders.

Bosendorfer has taken its Imperial Grand — the largest grand piano in production today — and linked it to a computer that allows the piano to play back exactly what a pianist performs. After a few years of development, the instrument is now making inroads into the professional recording business.

Like a lot of other industries, the piano industry has gone global in recent years. With instruments from Japan, Korea, and the United States battling for a slice of the world market, Bosendorfer, owned by Kimball International, is not about to be left behind. Though Bosendorfer pianos have long enjoyed a powerful reputation among pianists around the world, the company is making a first-time leap into digital electronics.

The bold move will give Bosendorfer a leading role in the fast-moving technology race that instrument development has become. Kimball's background in electronic organs has eased the way for its Bosendorfer division to take on digital electronics — and the competition. The highly respected name of Bosendorfer cannot help adding clout to Kimball's marketing efforts.

Pursuit

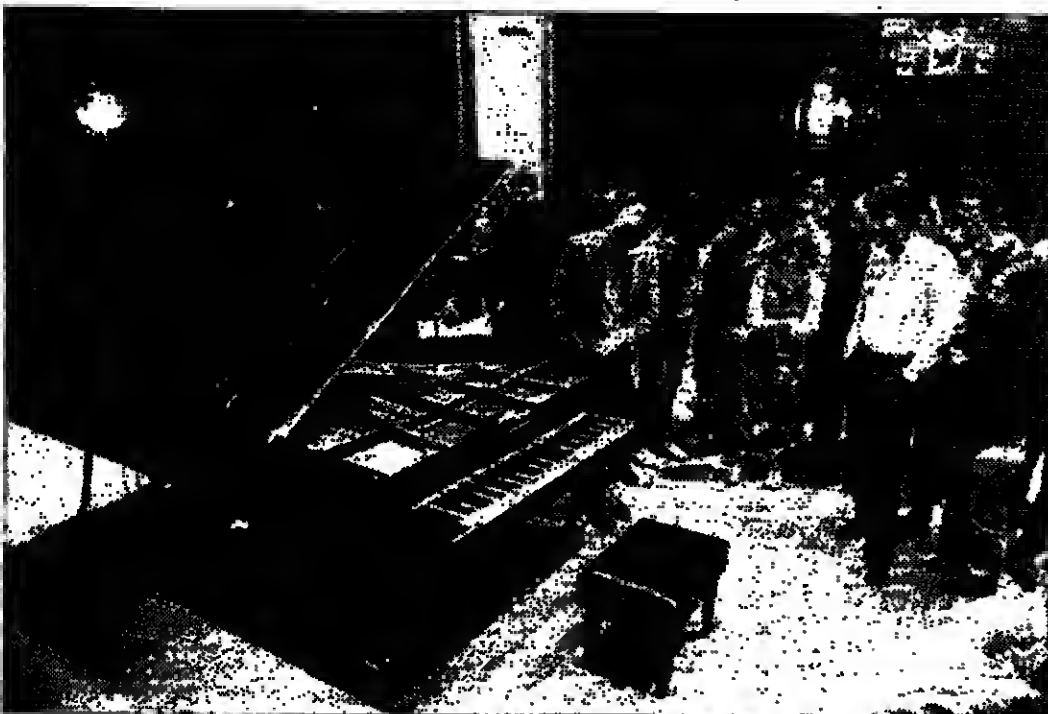
In hot pursuit is Yamaha International, whose piano division is marketing an upright piano with capabilities similar to Bosendorfer's product. Yamaha will be adding a grand piano version next January. These moves are not surprising for a company that has dominated the world market with its sophisticated electronic keyboards and has become an expert in mass-production techniques of acoustic pianos.

Bosendorfer, meanwhile, has bit the campaign trail with its revolutionary Recording Piano, the 290SE. At Wellesley College this spring, music teachers, pianists — and perhaps a few sceptics — hovered around the instrument like curious children. They were bearing witness to Frederick Moyer play one of Felix Mendelssohn's "Songs Without Words" only Mr Moyer wasn't there. The bench was empty, but the keys were dancing, repeating exactly what Moyer had played just one minute ago.

The gleaming black instrument was a normal-looking Bosendorfer beast — 9 feet long with nine extra bass notes added to the standard 88. The felt-cushioned hammers and dampers went up and down, and the bass gently rumbled like a giant set of bells. This was the real thing, for sure, but in "instant replay" mode.

Anyone who has ever seen an old-fashioned player piano spin out a tune can imagine what it's like to watch the 290SE. But unlike the piano rolls of the early 1900s and their successors, this instrument perfectly reproduces every cres-

Piano technology hits a revolutionary note



An audience watches a 97-key Bosendorfer Piano "play" a song recorded earlier.

cendo, every subtle nuance, and every unique tone of the pianist's interpretation.

"I'm not keen on gimmicks, but this is phenomenal," said Jean Alderman, a member of the piano faculty in Wellesley's music department, who watched the instrument's demonstration and concert.

The 290SE is definitely a new chapter in the history of Bosendorfer. According to Vic Geiger, vice-president of international sales, "it's important for a company to look to the future and not just to rest on past laurels." This innovation, he said, "brings the piano into the 21st century."

The Bosendorfer Recording Piano has already generated enough respect from pianists and sound technicians that conductor/composer Gunther Schuller has agreed to produce the first compact-disc recording of a solo performance on the instrument, featuring Moyer's live concert at Wellesley.

"This is the purest, most perfect kind of reproduction known to man thus far," said Mr Schuller, whose own GM Recordings will release the CD this fall.

Processed

As a pianist performs a piece, optical sensors "watch" the exact speed, force of attack, and release of each hammer, taking measurements about 800 times a second. Sensors are focused on the pedals, too. The measurements are turned into digital information and sent to a computer terminal nearby.

Here the data are processed, and in a few minutes it can be shipped back to a large box

mounted under the piano, where voltage-driven solenoids, or linear motors, play each key exactly the way the pianist played it.

For the first time, "a pianist can go out into the middle of the hall and hear what his playing sounds like," said Moyer. Watching the keys up close is "destructive," because every little imperfection shows up. Even an accidental brushing of a note is recorded, he said.

Universities have been the primary users of the recording piano so far — and realistically, the only consumers able to afford the average \$100,000 price tag. Ms Alderman, the piano teacher, said she could see why it "would be most exciting to have in a studio," because with the computer, one can slow down the tempo of the playback, allowing a student easily to hear and analyse what he or she just played. Or a student could play a duet with himself. Or historic performances of world-class pianists could be saved and then played back "live" for a piano history class.

"No one knows where this is going to lead us," said Moyer. Conceivably, a pianist could play "live" on either side of the ocean at the same time, he said, using a satellite to transmit the computer data from one Bosendorfer to another.

The recording piano represents "the marriage of 19th-century piano building with 20th-century technology," said John Amuedo, a research scientist formerly with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, where the prototype was developed. Because it's an actual acoustic piano, he said, "it preserves the

great tradition of piano performance in a way that this year's top-of-the-line synthesiser doesn't."

Frederick Moyer's performance at Wellesley was captured in the form of digital data. The actual recording of the CD took place later in the same building — without audience noise. Since Moyer had already done his part, the engineers took as much time as they wanted setting microphones, testing balances. Then they switched on the Bosendorfer to make the "perfect" recording of a performance originally inspired by a live audience.

This perfection is what more audiophiles are demanding. "Record buyers are leery of applause and coughing," said Rick Oakley, who attended the concert and owns a stereo store. He said that nowadays, most people prefer clean, quiet studio recordings.

This recording technique, said Mr Amuedo, is even more faithful to the original performance than today's state-of-the-art methods. And the editing process — which most modern recordings go through — is now simply a matter of punching buttons on the computer. Notes can be taken out, added, and made softer or louder.

This leaves pianist Moyer somewhat troubled.

"I have to decide how good a recording I'm going to make — because I could make the perfect recording with every single note in the right place." But he said that's "almost stepping on the greatness" of past recordings by famous artists in which mistakes are noticeable.

Mr Oakley is also concerned about ethics.

"A live recording can be ruined by one clunker note," he said, but "somebody unscrupulous could correct more than a few clunkers and make a silk purse out of a sow's ear."

Though touch-up editing has been practiced ever since people could cut and splice tape, the invisible editing capability of the 290SE "makes the controversy even wider," said Moyer.

Could an entire piece be typed in on the computer?

The possibility exists, said Amuedo, but it would be incredibly time-consuming, and you'd end up with something very sterile and dead.

"The recording piano is a tool, not an end."

1988, The Christian Science Monitor.

Global think-tank celebrates 20 years

By Charles Campbell

PARIS: The Club of Rome, best known for its first report warning of the dangers of unlimited growth, celebrated its 20th anniversary last week by bringing together thinkers and world leaders to reflect on what it called "a new global society."

The club, whose members come from 51 countries — rich and poor, capitalist, socialist and communist — also planned internal exchanges to turn its thoughts into action.

"I think we are at a turning point in the life of the club after 20 years," said secretary-general Bertrand Schneider.

The Club of Rome — which despite its name has been based in Paris since 1964 — was founded by Italian industrialist Aurelio Peccei and Scottish scientist Alexander King in 1968 as a sort of floating international think tank.

The club committed itself to approaching issues from a global perspective, with a sense that problems like pollution, overpopulation, hunger or the impact of developing technologies are interdependent.

"Governments and international organisations are stuck in the day-to-day management of problems. They usually have no time for long-term thinking. We have a special mission. We have a responsibility to anybody except ourselves," Schneider said.

At last week's conference, such international figures as Prince Sadruddin Aga Khan, former Colombian President Belisario Betancur, Crown Prince Hassan of Jordan and International Monetary Fund director Michel Camdessus met to discuss "reasons to live and to hope in a new global society."

A highlight of the session at the Sorbonne was an exchange between the club's luminaries and youth of the world.

"In a world that has become so young, we need their help to understand the world," Schneider said.

Yesterday's high tech, today's museum piece

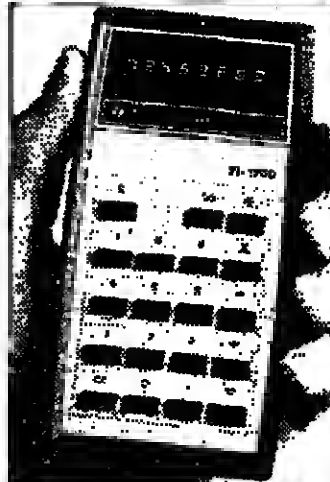
By Sam Kiley

IT MAY be some time before the London auction houses issue catalogues of "late twentieth century calculators" but the little miracles of mathematics which less than 20 years ago were at the forefront of new technology have already become antiquities worthy of exhibition in one of the country's leading science museums.

A collection of calculators (circa 1975 - 1987) has been donated to the Whipple Museum, part of Cambridge University, and is on display in glass cabinets.

The mini-computers range from early Sinclair devices to a Hewlett Packard model used by NASA astronauts on their last visit to the moon. They are worthless in a sense because no one wants them, but that is why it is essential for us to keep a collection of them," Dr Jim Bennett, curator of the Whipple, said.

The Hookham Collection of Pocket Calculators was started



Museum piece: pocket calculator, 1975 A.D.

by local architect Francis Hookham 13 years ago when he made his first Sinclair calculator.

"I have never collected anything before, but I thought I should start because things were changing so fast. I decided to give it to the museum before it became worth anything and I

became tempted to start trading the rare ones for money," said Hookham.

He was given most of the 413 calculators in the exhibition by computer firms and well-wishers. Although the pocket calculator is one of the more spectacular examples of rapid obsolescence in the face of technological change, Jeremy Collins, scientific instruments specialist at Christie's, does not recommend hoarding Casio's. "It would be a waste of time to hold on to them — they would just clutter up one's drawers."

However, the Munich Science Museum, which currently has an exhibition of 1970's computers, is short on pocket calculators.

The new exhibits are proving successful with young visitors. "The kids are not really turned on by the mediaeval instruments, but they are fascinated by the calculators," Dr Bennett said.

"They get all glassy-eyed at the point at the 'Little Professor' (circa 1980, pictured) and are nostalgic."

Computers break language barrier

Companies are beginning to cash in on voice recognition programmes even while experts are still working to make computers capable of dealing with the ambiguity of human language, bad grammar and different accents.

"We need to reduce the costs and increase the size of the vocabulary and increase the capabilities," says Raj Reddy, director of the Robotics Institute at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh in the United States. "All of those are yet to be solved."

"What is there is obviously a very significant improvement over what we used to know how to do even six months ago."

Dragon Systems Inc. of Newton, Massachusetts, developed a programme Xerox

Corp. used in 1980 to save nearly \$10 million by conducting its first inventory of all 2.2 million of its parts, said Dragon assistant marketing manager Jonathan Robbins.

The 100,000-dollar system recognised 1,000 words. A 5,000-word programme is out now, and a 20,000-word version is expected by early 1989, said Robbins. Dragon also is working with the federal defence advanced research projects agency to develop a voice-controlled jet-fighter cockpit.

Kurzweil Applied Intelligence Inc. of Waltham, Massachusetts, has developed voice recognition systems for radiologists and emergency rooms, doctors dictate their reports to a computer, and the reports are printed.

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One of the many spectacular events was the flying of kites at the Green Island water project. The function was attended by a large number of business personalities and members of the diplomatic corps.

National, one of the most reputed among the electronic companies attracted a large crowd with the introduction of the S VHS video camera, the three dimension TV and the combined TV, videocamera and video.



FAMILY DOCTOR

By DR ALIAN BRUCKHEIM

HELP FOR BALDNESS ON THE WAY

QUESTION: Some time ago you answered a question in your column about balding. However when I asked my doctor about the medicine, he told me I couldn't obtain it. Now, don't you think you should straighten out this situation for your readers?

ANSWER: I certainly do and with great pleasure. The good news is that by the time you read this, the product will be available with prescription from your local pharmacist. It has been available in Canada for some time, but finally the Food and Drug Administration has approved it for use in the United States.

It is called Rogaine (minoxidil) and is manufactured by the Upjohn Company. But there are some things you need to know before requesting a prescription from your physician. First, the medication is only recommended for treatment of male pattern baldness of the crown of the head. Evaluations by the physicians who investigated the medication indicated that only 39 per cent of the patients had achieved moderate to dense growth after a year of treatment.

At least four months of twice-a-day applications are necessary before there is any evidence of new hair growth, and con-

tinued growth is dependent on regular and continuous use of the medication. It is obvious that this treatment is not a cure-all for everyone, and cost may play a factor.

Estimates indicate that the medication will cost between \$40 and \$50 a month, and there are no samples available from your physician for this one.

QUESTION: I have a peculiar pattern of frequent bruising. It doesn't seem to have anything to do with a knock or bang, but the bruise is painful and lasts for several days. My doctor explained it has something to do with gardeners' red cells, but by the time I arrived home it made no sense. I am truly worried. Can you help?

ANSWER: When we are under stress, we can easily be confused by an explanation about a diagnosis that causes us great anxiety. I believe your doctor was trying to explain Gardener-Diamond Syndrome to you. It is a disease of the immune system in which the body becomes sensitized to its own red cells and destroys some of them.

Frequently emotional stress plays a part in setting off the development of these bruises. Usually there is a local sensation of burning or tingling that occurs from 18 to 24

hours before the bruises (purpura) appear, which can last from five to seven days. They are most frequently seen on the extremities and scalp, seldom on the back and do appear in areas where there is no history of a bang or knock. However, since they are painful, patients frequently believe they have had some time of trauma to the area.

Blood tests, to help diagnose this condition, such as coagulation tests and platelet counts are routine. It's a diagnosis that is sometimes quite difficult to make, and once made, it's a discouraging disease to treat. There are no known cures, and even the use of cortisone-like medications and anti-thrombines offer little relief.

Attempts to desensitize the body are also unsuccessful. You may also expect this to recur every now and again, usually when things are not going your way and you are having some emotional or psychological problems. With this explanation in hand it might be wise to return to your doctor so he can discuss your personal situation and offer some explanations that are particular to your situation.

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Fed decided to keep interest rates unchanged

The FOMC minutes are used to direct the open market operations to the Federal Reserve Bank in New York. Through the purchase of government securities from banks, the Fed influences the amount of reserves the banks have to make bank loans and thus the price of those loans — interest rates.

Brazilians sign pact to fight inflation

Previous government attempts to contain inflation with much more severe price controls failed in 1986 and 1987.

Bush, Dukakis pledge to cut deficit

Disposal

The policy tools at central bankers' disposal on the eve of the election may be no match for the simmering market bearishness that has been undermining the dollar.

Analysts also question whether central banks share the resolve needed to pin the currency around current levels, noting only the US Federal

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Fed intervention is regarded as an attempt to preserve stability ahead of Tuesday's election, they add.

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follow because Democrats are viewed as the party of protectionism, said currency analyst Rinsley Best in Paris.

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Bank governors meet to plan dollar defence

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Saudis to allow transshipment at Jeddah port

resident Indian

Kartasmita to visit Kuwait

KUWAIT, Nov 6. (Reuters): Indonesia Oil Minister Gjanjar Karasmita will visit Kuwait, Iraq and Iran for talks on the world oil market before an Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) meeting in Vienna, diplomats said today. They said he hoped to meet the presidents of both Iran and Iraq as well as the oil ministers of the three countries in an apparent bid to overcome differences threatening OPEC's ability to shore up oil prices. OPEC meets on November 21 to discuss a pact for 1989 aimed at boosting prices by curbing production. A key obstacle is a dispute between Iraq and Iraq, which demands an equal quota to that of its war foe. The diplomats said Gjanjar would arrive in Kuwait on November 13 or 14 for talks with Kuwait Oil Minister Sheikh Ali Al Khalifa and would leave for Baghdad on November 15. He would then go to Tehran before leaving for Vienna for a meeting of OPEC's price and strategy committees scheduled for November 17.

Bankers to discuss co-operation

ABUDHABI, Nov 6, (Reuters): Bankers from 21 Arab states will meet in Abu Dhabi from Nov 19 to 21 to discuss obstacles to their co-operation, bank officials said today. Adnan Al Hindi, secretary-general of the Beirut-based Arab Bankers Union, told the official emirates news agency WAM that the conference would consider ways to promote the interests of members. "Co-operation among Arab banks has become imperative due to economic and financial changes on regional and world levels," he said. *SWH* world banking groups are adopting new policies that do not conform to the interests of Arab banks, a fact that requires effective co-operation among us. *SWH* He did not elaborate.

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Trade deficit totalled \$700m in 1987

Jordanians cautiously welcome ban on luxury imports

AMMAN, Nov. 6. (Agencies): Jordanian businessmen and economists cautiously welcomed a sweeping ban on luxury imports imposed by the government but several said it should have acted sooner.

There is no harm in forcing citizens to reduce unnecessary consumption patterns and nouveau riche attitudes that developed during the oil boom years... we are citizens of this country and have to back it in good and bad days," said one influential businessman.

But he added: "Why do we always react when it is too late... when the damage has already been done?"

Move
The government acted yesterday to ban imports of a string of consumer goods until the end of next year with the aim of saving up to \$200 million in foreign currency and cutting its trade and budget deficits.

The items included cars and trucks, televisions and videos, air conditioners, domestic and office furniture and microwaves.

"Such a move is bound to raise some complaints but I guess the decision, though long overdue, is bound to yield positive results," Adnan Darwazah, director-general of the Jordan Gulf Bank, told Reuters.

He said it would help to cut the balance of payments deficit and make more foreign exchange available for basic needs. But he predicted that the inflation rate, now within single figures, would rise to at least 15 per cent next year.

Some bankers said demand for foreign currency could have been curbed if the government had taken action on imports before allowing the Central Bank on Oct 15 to align its dinar exchange rates broadly with the free market.

Value
The dinar has since lost about 16 per cent of its value against the dollar.

The government also ordered a 10 per cent tax on food and accommodation at luxury hotels and restaurants and an increase of almost 30 per cent in custom

tariffs on luxury items not affected by the ban.

Annual fees for work permits, excluding nursing and agriculture, were raised from \$51 to \$220 for Arabs and from \$332 to \$665 for other foreigners.

The economy, underpinned by foreign aid and remittances from Jordanians working abroad, had one of the world's fastest growth rates from 1974 to 1984.

Remittances
But remittances have fallen drastically since the oil price slump hit neighbouring countries and Amman says most Arab states have failed to honour pledges made in 1978 of \$1.25 billion a year in aid.

The trade deficit totalled \$700 million in 1987, while the budget reached 40.6 million dinars (\$90 million) in the first quarter of 1988 against 71.3 million dinars (\$158 million) for the whole of 1987.

Car dealer Hamdi Mango said he could keep going for a year without imports. "At this point and given the current economic situation, I am not interested in

selling cars... I would rather go out and collect the money customers owe me," he said.

Suha Ahmed, a secretary earning 160 dinars (\$335) a month, said tearfully she could no longer afford a Filipino nanny to look after her two children while she went to work.

Measures

Economists said the new measures would hit the relatively few rich people hardest, but consumers in general would have to pay the price.

"Rich people will have to pay more to maintain their lavish living standards," said one economist. "The average Jordanian family has to rationalise its spending, but the poor will not feel it badly as they will continue to buy basic consumer staples that are subsidised or priced by the government."

The economists also said the government's decision to cut electricity charges by 10 per cent and reduce water fees by five to 20 per cent would help to ease hardships.

Wages in Jordan range from

about 60 dinars (\$120) monthly for farm workers to a little under 200 dinars (\$400) for starting civil servants and teachers.

To cushion the effect on low-income Jordanians, Prime Minister Zaid Rifai called for a 10 per cent cut in electricity bills and decreases ranging from 20 to 5 per cent on water bills, depending on consumption.

Rifai was quoted as saying the decree was signed to "shift from the stage of growing consumption to investment, savings and profitable production."

One banker said: "It seems the government is seriously attacking the problem... I'm hoping that further steps will be taken in that direction."

Funds
The economy of this country of 2.8 million people depends heavily on funds sent home by workers in the Arab Gulf and by donations from oil countries there.

Both reportedly have been sliding due to the fall in oil prices over recent years.

"We have been living like an

oil country...." the senior official said. "Even when the oil countries were cautious... we were not."

Speaking a few hours before the measures were announced, he said there would soon be "hard decisions... that are going to affect the lifestyles of the people..."

"There is going to be a period of adjustment... not less than three years but within five years we are going (to be back) to the kind of life that we in Jordan can afford."

Links
Rumours of foreign currency shortages and political uncertainty have dented Jordan's dinar over the past month and the government has uncoupled it from its former links to a basket of foreign currencies.

The dinar, worth \$2.66 a month ago, was selling for \$2 yesterday on the legal free market.

"You have to devalue the currency or float it," the banker said. "It's necessary to enhance exports and reduce imports."

EEC ministers to tackle issue of banking equality after '92

BRUSSELS, Nov. 6. (Reuters): European Economic Community finance ministers will tackle for the first time tomorrow the thorny issue of equal treatment for EEC and foreign-owned banks after the 1992 abolition of internal trade barriers in the EEC.

Diplomats said the ministers would seek clarification of the executive commissions' proposals for the creation of a single banking licence that would allow an EEC bank to operate throughout the 12-nation bloc.

"They will want to look at the degree of consistency between verbal statements for external consumption and details of the directive," one diplomat said of the minister's first discussion of the directive that has caused much anxiety outside the EEC.

The EEC's trading partners have frequently voiced fears of being frozen out of a unified community market and a vague reference to reciprocity in the banking directive has become the focus of their concern.

The commission sought to dispel those fears last month in general statement on the external effects of the unified market. It said there was no question of applying the reciprocity test to foreign-owned banks already operating in the EEC before the end of 1992.

Symposium
But new subsidiaries of or acquisitions by foreign banks will be subject to commission approval after 1992 and dependent on whether EEC institutions had access to their home markets.

However, Paolo Clarotti, head of the commission's banking and financial establishments division, mentioned an important loophole to that rule during the European finance symposium in Antwerp on Saturday.

He said the sale of a foreign holding company of an EEC bank from one foreign institution to another would not trigger a need for commission approval. "This is only required if the direct foreign owner of such an EEC bank changes," he said.

He also said that the commission basically understood reciprocity to mean "national treatment".

"We want our institutions to be treated in the same way as domestic institutions, but in some cases we will demand even more," he told Reuters.

He cited the example of Japan, where EEC banks could now set up 50 per cent joint subsidiaries with Japanese non-banks to deal in securities. Japanese banks are barred from dealing in securities.

Worries
However, the question of reciprocity worries not only non-EEC countries. EEC member states with strong banking sectors, such as Britain and West Germany fear that their financial centres will be hostage to entirely foreign disputes.

For example, a Japanese bank might end up being denied access to London or Frankfurt because Tokyo does not allow Greek banks to operate in Japan.

But Clarotti said the commission was now looking at a formula for limited access of foreign subsidiaries to just one market.

Bankers at the Antwerp symposium said such a move was likely to defuse much of the opposition to the directive.

An issue closely linked to the banking directive and the granting of a single EEC banking licence is the harmonisation of some basic rules for banks.

The ministers will also attempt to settle a long-running dispute over a proposal to protect investors by forcing issuers of any listed and unlisted securities to publish a prospectus before launching an offer.

Britain, West Germany, Luxembourg and Ireland strongly oppose the inclusion of so-called Eurosecurities in the directive, arguing that such a move would drive that market out of the community's financial centres to rival locations such as Zurich.

Central Bank likely to set up financial centre



Sheikh Salem

KUWAIT'S Central Bank is currently studying the possibility of setting up a financial centre in Kuwait, according to the bank's Governor Sheikh Abdulaziz Al Sahab.

In an interview with a local daily, the official was quoted as saying that an active financial centre requires the existence of several banking and financial institutions, including access to foreign exchange markets.

He added that the centre requires a liberal market devoid of any impediments to the movement of funds.

Activities
Discussing the feasibility of establishing investment banks in Kuwait, Sheikh Salem said that traditional activities of investment banks involve loans to companies and governments for long-term investments.

He added that investment banks also promote new bonds and share issues. Kuwaiti investment companies and local banks are playing a major role in this respect, the official said.

He pointed out that the three major local investment companies are acting as investment banks, specifically in the field of portfolio management in addition to acting as underwriters.

Sheikh Salem has been described by the British-based "Euromoney Magazine" as the Best Central Governor for 1988.

Tanzania devalues currency

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania, Nov. 6. (AP): Tanzania today devalued its currency by 21 per cent, two days after President Ali Hassan Mwinyi accepted an austerity programme prescribed by the International Monetary Fund to revive the economy.

The Central Bank of Tanzania said in a statement the shilling will exchange at 119.39 to one US dollar, up from the 98.21 last week. The black market value of the currency was as much as 200 shillings to the dollar last week.

Today's devaluation reduced the value of the currency by 200 per cent within three years.

The devaluation was expected since Friday when it was reported the government had reached an agreement with the IMF, and some businessmen closed stores to await the announcement.

Goods

The measure would increase prices of imported goods like petroleum, machinery and spare parts.

Mwinyi, in a speech to the ruling Chama Cha Mapinduzi (Revolutionary Party) and government leaders on Thursday night, said he recognised the decision to accept the IMF programme would impose harsh measures on the nation.

Chama Cha Mapinduzi is the country's sole legal party and its politburo on Thursday endorsed the agreement with the IMF at the Thursday extraordinary session in the capital, Dodoma, 400 kilometres (248 miles) west of the Indian ocean port of Dar Es Salaam.

Measure

"The conditionality of the IMF was not palatable, but the country had no option but to agree," he said. "We had to choose the lesser evil."

Mwinyi gave no details of the new economic measure.

But sources said it would include tightening of government spending and a devaluation of the currency as a condition for a new IMF loan agreement.

Cyprus trade team for Kuwait

THE Ministry of Commerce and Industry of Cyprus and the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Cyprus are organising a trade delegation to visit Kuwait from Nov 11-15.

The visit is being planned to further develop trade co-operation between the two countries, according to a press release.

During the visit, a trade exhibition will be held Nov 12-14 at the Meridien Hotel.

Ready-made garments, footwear, toys, building materials, food and foodstuffs will be displayed. Shipping services will also be represented.

China plays off South Korea, Japan in investment battle

BEIJING, Nov. 6. (Reuters): Beijing last week unveiled a new strategy to get Japanese firms to invest in China — the threat of South Korean companies investing instead and winning the battle for the world's most populous market.

Foreign bankers and diplomats said Beijing was skillfully using the eagerness of South Korea to improve ties with China as a way of persuading Japanese companies to abandon their usual caution and build factories here.

"Japanese firms are nervous about investing here," said a Japanese banker in Beijing. "But they do not want South Korean firms, which are more aggressive and ready to take risks, to invest instead and get the market."

Strategy
China's new strategy was unveiled at a major Sino-Japanese symposium on Thursday and Friday in Beijing attended by 70 top Japanese bankers and industrialists. Chinese officials berated Japanese caution and welcomed firms from South Korea.

Kuo Dongpo, a top trade official, told the visitors that as of March this year Japan accounted for only four per cent of total investment in China despite soaring Japanese investment in other countries because of the

high yen.

"Japanese business and investors should discard unproven anxieties and take a longer-term view," Wang Deyan, president of the Bank of China, told them. "You should be more active, and more generous in transferring technology."

Participants
Then participants heard a top Foreign Trade Ministry official give a rare public welcome to firms from South Korea, promising them treatment equal to others and saying China separated politics from business.

China is a close political and military ally of North Korea and has no diplomatic relations with South Korea.

One Japanese participant at the symposium said he had never heard such frank exchanges with Chinese officials asking why Japan had fallen behind Western Europe and the United States and Japanese replying that they could invest only for profit.

Confidence
Communist Party chief Zhao Ziyang told the Japanese delegates that foreign firms wanting to invest in China would face increasing competition.

Beijing's confidence results from rising foreign investment in China and the fact that firms in anti-communist South Korea and Taiwan are, for the first time

in 40 years, investing here.

"Official figures show direct foreign investment in the first nine months of this year rose 44.8 per cent from the same period last year to \$1.56 billion, with much of the increase coming from Taiwan for the first time."

An Asian diplomat said that South Korea wanted to improve links with China as part of its strategy of improving relations with the communist world and isolating North Korea.

Contact
Chinese officials say they want direct contact with South Korea and do not want Japanese and Americans as middlemen. This is just what South Koreans want to hear," he said.

Chinese business sources estimate trade with South Korea this year will be worth \$3 billion, up from \$1.8 billion in 1987 and more than five times China's trade with North Korea in 1987. The Japanese banker said that, politically, Japan welcomed better relations between China and South Korea because it would make East Asia more peaceful and promote overall trade.

"But our firms fear the competition from South Korea in the China market," he said.

Army needs come first in reconstruction, says Iraqi minister

BAGHDAD, Nov. 6. (Reuters): Projects which meet the needs of the armed forces must take priority at present in Iraq's post-war reconstruction, a minister was quoted as saying today.

Housing Minister Taher Mohammed Hassoun Al Marzouq was speaking to a 14-strong delegation of Gulf Arab businessmen visiting Iraq to discuss ways of sharing the rebuilding work.

A delegation member also quoted him as saying: "We have to take into consideration any possibilities that may not allow the completion of the peace process, which depends on the other side's reliability and on the international community's efforts to impose peace."

Talks
Iran and Iraq are holding peace talks in Geneva following their August 20 ceasefire but the United Nations-mediated discussions remained stalled.

The delegation member said Marzouq told them Iraq would give favourable treatment to those firms which carried on with their projects during the eight-year war.

African economies spurt, but individual incomes shrink further

ADDIS ABABA, Nov. 6. (Reuters): African economies, rescued by good rains and crops, may in 1988 more than double last year's meagre growth, the continent's most prominent economist said.

But on average Africans will again be worse off, the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) executive secretary, Adebayo Adedeji, told Reuters in an interview today.

"If, as we expect, food production grows by three per cent which is more or less the population growth, I think the overall Gross Domestic Product (GDP) might rise 2.0-2.5 per cent," he said.

His forecast exceeds the 0.8 per cent growth achieved last year but remains far short of what he said was needed to put the world's poorest continent on the road to sustained recovery.

For that, he said, the African economy had to expand "at least five per cent" — far outstripping the growth in the estimated 550 million population which it now feeds.

He called for more debt relief, a boost in the net flow of resources from industrialised nations to Africa and a new economic order ensuring better prices and assured markets for the continent's farm and mineral exports to

help it recover. Adebeyi welcomed a series of initiatives over the past two years by industrialised nations and aid agencies to ease the burden of Africa's \$220 billion foreign debt.

But more remained to be done for the poorest of the poor, so far the main beneficiaries, while middle-income countries like Nigeria, Ivory Coast and those in North Africa deserved greater attention.

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COMMERCIAL BK	0.320	0.315	0.315	0.315	120000	6
AHLI BANK	0.380	---	---	---	---	---
B.K.M.E.	0.395	---	---	---	---	---
K.R.E.B.	0.390	0.390	0.390	0.390	13040	1
BURGAN BANK	0.305	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.HOUSE	0.560	0.560	0.560	0.550	75000	4
INVESTMENT SECTOR						
KWT INV. CO.	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
K.F.T.C.I.C.	0.210	---	---	---	---	---
K.I.C.	0.142	---	---	---	---	---
CON. FACILITIES	0.480	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIAH INV.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
I.F.A.	0.100	---	---	---	---	---
INV. PEARL KWT	0.104	---	---	---	---	---
INSURANCE SECTOR						
KWT INSURANCE	0.730	---	---	---	---	---
GULF INSURANCE	0.350	---	---	---	---	---
AHLIAH INS. CO.	0.580	---	---	---	---	---
MARBA INS. CO.	0.445	---	---	---	---	---
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KWT R.EST. CO.	0.220	---	---	---	---	---
UNI R.EST. CO.	0.096	---	---	---	---	---
NAT R.EST. CO.	0.202	0.200	0.200	0.200	20000	1
SALHAH R.E.	0.080	---	---	---	---	---
KWT R.E.I. CON	0.000	---	---	---	---	---

INDUSTRY SECTOR	P.CLS	LT	HIGH	LOW	VOL	TRADE
NAT IND. CO.	0.540	---	---	---	---	---
KWT M.P. IND.	0.295	---	---	---	---	---
KWT CEMENT CO.	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
REF. IND. CO.	0.415	0.410	0.410	0.410	110000	5
N.A.N.T. CO.	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF CABLE	1.090	1.090	1.090	1.090	65000	5
K.P.M. IND. CO.	0.194	---	---	---	---	---
CON. MARINE	0.255	---	---	---	---	---
K.SN. REP. CO.	0.045	---	---	---	---	---
SERVICES SECTOR						
OVERLAND TRANS	0.082	---	---	---	---	---
K.N.C. CO.	0.190	---	---	---	---	---
KWT HOTELS CO.	0.170	---	---	---	---	---
P.WAREHOUSING	0.156	---	---	---	---	---
CON. MKT. CHPK.	0.017	---	---	---	---	---
MOBILE TELE.	0.340	0.340	0.340	0.340	160000	4
KWT COMPUTER	0.174	---	---	---	---	---
FOOD SECTOR						
LIVESTOCK T.T.	0.228	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT. FISHERIES	0.154	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT. POULTRY	0.216	---	---	---	---	---
KWT FOODS	0.300	---	---	---	---	---
AGRI. FOOD PRO.	0.150	---	---	---	---	---
NON-KWT SECTOR						
BIN. INTER. BK	0.068	---	---	---	---	---
BIN. M.EAST. BK	0.052	---	---	---	---	---
UNIT. GULF BK	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
COAST INVEST.	0.100	0.100	0.100	0.100	320000	3
A.G. INV. CORP.	0.034	0.034	0.034	0.034	100000	1
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GULF INTL INS	0.009	---	---	---	---	---
ARAB INT.CO.	0.055	---	---	---	---	---
SHARJAH INS	0.000	---	---	---	---	---
GULF UNION INS	0.070	---	---	---	---	---
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B-GULF MEDICAL	0.028	---	---	---	---	---
C-R.K.WHITE CHMT	0.024	---	---	---	---	---
D-ARAB CEMENT	0.007	---	---	---	---	---
E-FUJAIRAH CEMT	0.006	---	---	---	---	---
F-SHARJAH CEMENT	0.010	---	---	---	---	---
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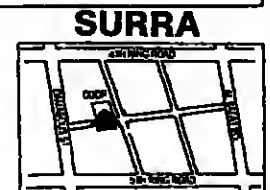
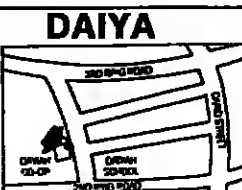
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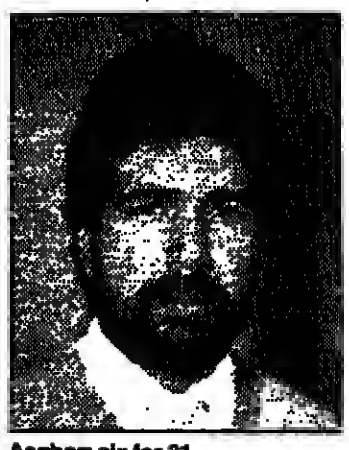
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SPORTS

Casuals and Hawks triumph



Asghar: six for 31

CASUALS Cricket Club beat Crescent by three wickets in a close finish to their Jashammal League Match while Asghar took six wickets to help Hawks thrash Cricket Club of Kuwait (CCK) by seven wickets in Ahmad on Friday.

Casuals victory leaves them undefeated in the League and vying for the leadership.

However, the victory did not come as easily as it had at one point appeared after Casuals had held the Crescent batsmen to a meagre 138 all out. It was a good performance by all the Casuals bowlers and a sound fielding effort from the whole side.

Harry Ernest was particularly outstanding in the field and saved many runs with his keen approach. Steve Anderson bowled an especially mean spell to return figures of 2 for 17 off 7 overs.

Build

Anderson and Adi Selveratnam beat the bat consistently without reward. For Crescent Iqbal (27) and Zahid (32) managed to build the score slowly before a bowling change brought on Seward who quickly removed both openers. Seward bowled a very tight line and picked up two further wickets to start the Crescent collapse.

Only Zagar (27) offered any further resistance before being caught by the safe Dowrick off skipper Snowden.

In reply Casuals started quickly as Kevin Wells (38) began stroking the ball about. At 30, Tudball (6) glove a catch behind and Seward (5) was soon out.

Wells was bowled by a shooter from Nazeem (with 4 wickets) and Snowden (2) followed likewise. It was clear things were going astray.

Simon Clements was playing again after a long spell of injury and was scoring well (16) before being caught in the deep. Adi Selveratnam (24) looked set to clean up with some big hitting but when he was caught and Anderson failed to score Casuals had only 107 on the board.

Damage

Fortunately the experience of Dave Dowrick (26no) and Ray Fernando (12no) was still on offer. They patiently guided the team to victory in the last over with a series of carefully played strokes. Dowrick finally capped the victory with a spanking drive to the boundary.

In the second match, CCK won the toss and opted to bat. They were all out for only 68 runs in 17 overs.

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Sri Lanka rout Bucheery

By Yakub Razzaque

BAHRAIN: A gallant captain's knock of 84 by Augustine Cadelis helped Sri Lanka Sports Club beat Bucheery by six wickets in the Bahrain Cricket League on Friday.

Bucheery batted first and scored 152 for seven wickets in their allotted 25 overs. Seasoned campaigner Asif Shah and Tariq Ali each contributed 30, followed by Suhail Ali with 26. Marius took 2 for 38 for the Lankans.

Sri Lanka reached the target in 23.5 overs, thanks to skipper Augustine who hammered the weary Bucheery bowlers all over the pitch. His magnificent innings included four sixes and five fours. He was ably supported by Sri Lanka's other star batsman, Marius, who made a solid unbeaten 44.

Record

Final score: Bucheery 152 for 7 wickets. Sri Lanka 156 for 4 wickets.

Holders BCC maintained their unbeaten record and consolidated their top position in the League by piling 181 for 5 wickets, the day's highest score, against a depleted MCC side. Skipper Khalid Masood continued

KIWIS SCORE 216 FOR FOUR

Wright hits N. Zone for 80

FARIDABAD, India, Nov 6, (Reuters): New Zealand captain John Wright compiled a laborious 80 not out on the opening day of a three-day match against India's North Zone today, using a placid pitch to warm up for the start of the Test series.

The New Zealanders crawled to 216 for four against a weak bowling attack after Wright won the toss and opened with Trevor Franklin.

Stay

The New Zealand skipper took no chances in playing himself into form for the Bangalore Test, which starts next Saturday, carefully picking his shots from the 216 balls he faced in a 330-minute stay at the crease.

Wright and Franklin put on 85 runs before medium-pace Chetan Sharma started a slide by taking three quick wickets after lunch, dismissing Franklin (40), Andrew Jones (15) and Robert Vance (0).

Mark Greatbatch was caught by Gursaran Singh off Azad for one and the tourists were 117 for four.

But Wright and new partner Ken Rutherford pulled New Zealand out of trouble with an

unbroken fifth wicket partnership worth 99 runs.

Wright hit six fours and hoisted Kapil Dev for six over the square leg boundary after North Zone had taken the new ball. Rutherford had hit seven fours in the 48 he had scored by the close.

Wicket-keeper Ian Smith pulled out at the last moment because of a leg injury and was replaced by Tony Plain.

Scoreboard

NEW ZEALAND first innings

T. Franklin b Chetan Sharma	40
J. Wright not out	80
A. Jones b Sharma	15
R. Vance b Sharma	0
M. Greatbatch c Gursaran Singh b Azad	1
K. Rutherford not out	48
Extras (lb-6 ab-19 w-5)	32
Total (for four wickets)	216
Fall of wickets: 1-85 2-113 3-115 4-117	

To bat: J. Bracewell, E. Chatfield, C. Kuggeleja, D. Morrison, Ian Smith.

Bowling (to date): C. Sharma 17-2-52-3, M. Prabhakar, 11-3-25-0, Madan Lal 10-2-38-0, K. Azad 21-9-34-1, P. Jain 16-4-36-0, Kapil Dev 8-2-23-0.

North Zone—Kapil Dev (captain), Madan Lal, Ramas Lamba, Manoj Prabhakar, Gursaran Singh, Chetan Sharma, Amarjeet Kaypee, Ravji Virayak, Kirti Azad, K.P. Bhaskar, Pradeep Jain.



Wright: hit an unbeaten 80

Nobes holds off West Indies

ADELAIDE, Australia, Nov 6, (Reuters): Newcomer Paul Nobes revealed himself as a Test star of the future today when he led a gallant South Australian comeback against the West Indies on the third day of their four-day cricket match.

Nobes smashed an unbeaten 73 as South Australia, who trailed by 430 on the first innings, hit 193 for one in their second innings.

Nobes, who top scored with 34 in South Australia's modest first innings of 163, hit 10 fours and one glorious six off Viv Richards from 113 deliveries.

He helped former Test opener Andrew Hilditch (64 not out) add 112 in an unbeaten second wicket stand after Hilditch and Glenn Bishop (45) had compiled 81 for the first wicket.

South Australia, who resumed today at 57 for three in reply to West Indies' mammoth 593 for eight declared, were soon in trouble.

Curtly Amrose howled Wayne Phillips for 18 then Nobes, who had battled for 177 minutes, was bowled by Courtney Walsh.

All-rounder Peter Sleep, second top scorer with 28, was the only batsman to offer any resistance.

Scoreboard

WEST INDIES first innings 593

For eight declared (G. Greenidge 213, V. Richards 136).

SOUTH AUSTRALIA first innings

G. Bishop c Logie b Walsh	12
A. Hilditch c Richardson b Marshall	8
P. Nobes b Walsh	34
D. Hookes c Dujon b Walsh	8
W. Phillips b Amrose	18

P. Sleep b b b Benjamin 28
P. Anderson b Benjamin 21
P. Gladwin b Hooper 6
A. Zegers not out 4
C. Kilien c Richardson b Hooper 6
T. May absent injured 0
Extras (lb-5 lb-5 ab-8) 18
Total (for nine wickets) 163
Fall of wickets: 1-22 2-28 3-38 4-68 5-114 6-144 7-147 8-153 9-163

Bowling: Marshall 13-2-31-1 (2nb), Amrose 12-2-32-1 (5nb), Walsh 11-3-26-3 (1nb), Benjamin 15-3-33-2, Hooper 10-2-3-27-1, Richards 3-1-4-0.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA second innings

A. Hilditch not out	64
G. Bishop c Benjamin b Richards	45
P. Nobes not out	73
Extras (lb-3 ab-8)	11
Total (for one wicket)	193
Fall of wickets: 1-41	
Bowling (to date): Marshall 9-2-42-0 (1nb), Amrose 10-4-33-0 (3nb), Hooper 18-1-55-0, Walsh 10-1-33-0 (4nb), Richards 6-1-27-1.	

Leonard may be too quick for Lalonde

LAS VEGAS, Nov 6, (Reuters): Donny Leonard says Sugar Ray Leonard is old and slow. But even at the advanced boxing age of 32, Leonard is likely to be too quick for the Canadian in tomorrow's double title fight.

Leonard, who has fought only twice in the last seven years, is challenging Lalonde for the World Boxing Council (WBC) light-heavyweight title and the newly-created super-middleweight crown.

There is little doubt that Leonard is the more skilful boxer and he has honed his talents against far better fighters than those faced by the 28-year-old Canadian.

Considered

But despite a stunning comeback-victory last year over Marvelous Marvin Hagler for the WBC middleweight title, inactivity and age have to be considered as much a threat to Leonard as anything Lalonde can produce.

"I'm the hardest hitting light-weight in the world and I'm fighting a welterweight—an old welterweight," said Lalonde, when asked to explain his confidence.

"I hate coming here and getting paid \$5 million to knock out old welterweights," retorted Lalonde. "But since I'm here I'll have to do it anyway."

Esparragoza retains title

MARSALA, Sicily, Nov 6, (Reuters): Venezuela's Antonio Esparragoza retained his World Boxing Association (WBA) featherweight title yesterday, knocking out Jose Marmolejo of Panama in the eighth round of their 12-round bout.

Although Marmolejo had the best of the early exchanges, his lute footwork and accurate punching proved no match for the sheer power of the defending champion.

Esparragoza, 29, was relatively subdued at the start,

only giving a taste of what was to come with a flurry of accurate punches as the bell went at the end of round three.

He first floored Marmolejo in round four, leaving the Panamanian clearly dazed, then knocked him half out of the ring through the ropes in the following round.

But 24-year-old Marmolejo fought back for a while, cutting Esparragoza above the right eyebrow and stunning him with a fine left hook.

Grady beats Norman in playoff

SYDNEY, Australia, Nov 6, (Reuters): Greg Norman lost yet another sudden-death playoff today when fellow-Australian Wayne Grady won the Australian PGA championship on the fourth extra hole.

Grady survived several anxious moments before two putting from 30 feet at the 18th, the fourth additional hole, to clinch only his third tournament triumph in 10 years as a professional.

Norman, the 1986 British Open champion who has lost playoffs for the two of the three US majors in the last four years, watched his hopes slip away again when he hunkered his approach to the fourth extra hole.

Closed

But Grady's success was long overdue. The 30-year-old shot a final round 66 to tie his illustrious compatriot at 13-under 275 for four rounds. Norman closed with a 68.

"I've finished second 25 times in my career," the American-hased Grady said afterwards.

Defending champion Roger MacKay and fellow-Australian Peter Senior shared third place on an 11-under-par total of 277 while their compatriot Ken Trimble was fifth one shot further back.

Alysheba gallops to victory

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky, Nov 6, (Reuters): American colt Alysheba became the world's top thoroughbred money-winner yesterday with a half-length victory over Seeking the Gold in the 1-1/4-mile, \$3 million Breeders' Cup classic at Churchill Downs.

The four-year-old son of Alydar overcame a muddy track and semi-darkness with a surge from the top of the straight to earn \$1.35 million and boost his career take to \$6.68 million. That eclipsed the 6.59 million earned by retired American gelding John Henry in a seven-year career.

Breeders' Cup races by duplicating last year's victory in the \$1 million mile.

The four-year-old daughter of Nureyev, who is being retired to become a broodmare after 16 races, closed out her career with a one-length victory after catching British-bred Steinlen a furlong from the finish.

English colt Warning, the betting favourite, finished a disappointing 11th on a soggy grass course that Irish jockey Pat Eddery called the worst of his career.

Campaign

Alysheba has steadily added to his earnings this year after a three-year-old campaign in which he lost last year's classic by a nose to Ferdinand and won the 1987 Kentucky Derby by recovering from a potentially

disastrous stumble in the straight.

"This is a truly great race-horse. He's the best I've ever ridden," said Jockey Chris McCarron, who also rode John Henry before the gelding's 1984 retirement.

Despite Miesque's triumph, European horses had only a mixed day at best.

Sheikh Mohammed's favoured Indian Skimmer, trained by England's Henry Cecil, finished a disappointing third in the 1-1/2 mile turf behind US entries Great Communicator and Sunshine Forever.

American champion trainer D. Wayne Lukas solidified his grip on Breeders' Cup events with three victories and a near-win in a fourth. His results were worth \$2.3 million to various owners.

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SPORTS

Arsenal
blast
Forest

NOTTINGHAM, England, Nov 6. (AP) Arsenal recaptured second place in the English First Division soccer standings today after winning 4-1 at Nottingham Forest.

After the home side had taken the lead, Arsenal stormed back to brush Forest aside and even missed a penalty and had a goal disallowed.

The result sent Arsenal up four places from fifth as the north London side cut leader Norwich City's lead to six points.

The match, watched live on television across England and Wales, was billed as a clash of two of the leading contenders for Liverpool's League title.

Forest, missing three first team regulars through injury, stormed into the lead after 17 minutes when Arsenal keeper John Lukic fumbled a shot and Nigel Clough side footed the ball into an empty net.

Atoned
Arsenal had a chance to level five minutes later when Forest goalie Steve Sutton upended goal-bound Brian Marwood inside the penalty area. But the keeper atoned by saving the Arsenal winger's spot kick.

The visitor was back on terms nine minutes later, however, when Paul Merson fed Alan Smith with a short pass and the lanky striker, the First Division's leading scorer, lobbed the ball over Sutton for his 14th of the season.

It was the 99th goal of Smith's career with Leicester City and Arsenal and, as he searched for No. 100, he had an effort disallowed for offside and also hit the Forest crossbar.

The second half was all Arsenal and after Sutton has saved well from Merson, the visitor forged ahead on 72 minutes when centreback Steve Bould headed home from close range following a left wing centre.

SPORTS BRIEFS

1993 Games

ATHENS, Nov 6. (Reuters) The French town of Agde was chosen today to stage the 1993 Mediterranean Games, Greek National Olympic Committee spokesman Nikos Filaretis told reporters.

Africa soccer

CAIRO, Nov 6. (Reuters) Algeria's Setif reached the final of the African Club Champions' Cup soccer tournament today by beating National of Egypt 4-2 in a penalty shoot-out after the two sides finished the two-leg semifinal level at 2-2.

NBA games

NEW YORK, Nov 6. (Reuters) Results of National Basketball Association (NBA) games played yesterday:

Detroit	102	Charlotte	85
Cleveland	105	Indiana	92
New Jersey	112	New York	102
Philadelphia	124	Boston	115
Chicago	111	Washington	98
L.A. Clippers	111	Houston	91
Dallas	114	San Antonio	113
San Antonio	122	L.A. Lakers	107
Atlanta	107	Memphis	94
Seattle	142	Denver	141
Golden State	117	Phoenix	104
Portland	121	Sacramento	103

NAPOLI CLING TO THIRD PLACE

Inter edge past Sampdoria

ROME, Nov 6. (Reuters) West German Lothar Matthaus fired a first-minute goal against Sampdoria to give Internazionale a 1-0 win and a clear lead at the top of the Italian soccer First Division today.

Inter are one point ahead of defending champions AC Milan, who moved into second spot after their Dutch international Ruud Gullit and Marco van Basten each scored in a 2-1 away victory against Verona.

Diego Maradona's Napoli clung on to third place after a disappointing 1-1 draw against newly-promoted Lazio in which the Argentine World Cup captain's team missed several chances to take both points.

Juventus came away from Bologna with a 4-3 win after a goal in each half from Portugal's Rui Barros, and one apiece from Danish striker Michael Laudrup and Italian World Cup veteran Alessandro Altobelli.

In Internazionale's big clash with Sampdoria — they shared top place at the start of today's



Matthaus (right): scored for Inter

matches — the visitors were unable to recover from Matthaus' early strike.

Sampdoria's defence struggled during the first half, but it took a confident display from national team goalkeeper Walter Zenga, who saved four times in one five-minute spell, to deny the

visitors a second-half equaliser.

Italian Cup holders Sampdoria slipped to fifth place just behind Juventus.

In Verona, Gullit opened the scoring for Milan with a fine goal in the 22nd minute. But the Dutchman, still to play a full match after an ankle injury before the

start of the season, was substituted by Antonio Virdis eight minutes later.

Milan stayed on the attack, looking dangerous and back on form after a series of moderate performances that saw them slip to fourth place.

However, in the 70th minute Verona's Brazilian striker Claudio Caniggia found himself virtually alone in Milan's half and levelled the score.

But Van Basten seized Milan's winner when he drove a powerful right-foot shot home in the 83rd minute.

Roma, yet to find their best form, had a welcome 2-1 win over bottom club Pisa with goals from young hopeful Ruggiero Rizzitelli and midfielder Antonio Tempestelli.

Results

Ascoli	0	Parma	1
Bologna	3	Juventus	4
Como	2	Lazio	1
Florentina	1	Atalanta	1
Inter	1	Sampdoria	0
Napoli	1	Lazio	1
Roma	2	Pisa	1
Torino	2	Cesena	0
Verona	1	Milan	2

Record entry for Dubai Sevens

KUWAIT NOMADS will find themselves rubbing shoulders with some of the sport's finest players when they take part in the biggest ever Dubai Exiles Rugby Sevens Tournament, which kicks off on Nov 21.

Sponsored by Emirates, the international airline of the UAE, the two-day tournament will feature a selection of international stars from countries such as New Zealand, England, Wales and Scotland, flown in to help mark the 20th year of the Sevens.

"As the tournament goes from strength to strength so too does the level of competition and we are delighted to have these players coming to Dubai," said Robert Hughes, chairman of the Dubai Exiles.

This year 48 teams are expected to take part in the Middle East's greatest rugby showcase. Not only will Kuwait Nomads be among 16 of the Gulf's top sides battling it out for the Gulf Championship and the honour of representing the region in the prestigious Hong Kong Sevens, but also a new trophy, the Emirates International Trophy, will be contested by 12 specially-invited overseas teams.

Destiny
As well as Kuwait, all the Gulf countries will be represented in the Gulf Championship, with two Dubai Exiles sides, Abu Dhabi, Sharjah and Al Ain from the UAE, five provincial sides from Saudi Arabia, two Muscat sides from Oman, and teams

from Bahrain and Qatar contesting the destiny of the title. Making a welcome return to the championship after three years will be a side from Cairo.

While the leading Gulf clubs are playing for that coveted trip to Hong Kong, play looks set to be equally intense in the Emirates International Trophy.

Heading the challenge in that competition will be the famous Crawshaw's Welsh RFC, the multi-talented side who last year turned on the style and collected two trophies in the Dubai tournament. Led by their captain Colin Hillman, a Welsh 'B' international, Crawshaw's will be looking to repeat that success and show the form that won them the Open Championship and the Silver Kharjar Trophy.

McEnroe sails past Chesnokov

ANTWERP, Belgium, Nov 6. (Reuters) John McEnroe beat Andrei Chesnokov of the Soviet Union 6-1 7-5 6-2 today to win the European Community Tennis Championship.

The American needs just one more victory in the next two years to win a diamond-encrusted golden trophy worth \$1 million.

McEnroe won the tournament two years ago and is set to emulate Ivan Lendl who was awarded a similar trophy after completing three victories in five years.

McEnroe, who earned \$220,000 for his victory, said he would return here next year.



Becker clinches title

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Nov 6. (AP) Boris Becker whipped Peter Lundgren of Sweden 6-4, 6-1, 6-1 today to become the first West German ever to win the Stockholm Open tennis championships.

The third-seeded Becker, who was never broken in his last two matches of the \$642,500 event, didn't show any signs of being troubled by an ankle injury that bothered him early in the semifinals yesterday.

Returned
"But I was very careful at the beginning," said Becker. "I moved very badly, but I had very good serves and that helped me. As the match went on I didn't think about the ankle anymore."

Becker served and returned powerfully against the unseeded Lundgren, losing just 10 points in his service games in the last two sets.

The former two-time Wimbledon champion took command as he broke serve for a 1-0 lead in the second set. He won the set in just 26 minutes, adding service breaks in game five and seven.

In the opening set, Lundgren had four break points but each time Becker came up with a big serve. In yesterday's semifinal against Dan Goldie of the United States, Becker's powerful delivery helped him stave off nine break points.

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Zvereva upsets Evert

WORCESTER, Massachusetts, Nov 6. (AP) Soviet teenager Natalia Zvereva upset second-seeded Chris Evert in straight sets last night to earn a berth against Martina Navratilova in the finals of the \$300,000 New England Virginia Slims tournament.

Zvereva, 17, stunned Evert 7-5, 7-6 (12-10) in a match that lasted just over two hours.

In the first match, Navratilova shrugged off an error by match officials and went on to defeat Gabriela Sabatini, 7-5, 6-3 and advance to today's final.

Zvereva, seeded sixth in the tournament and ranked eighth in the world, survived a first set in which Evert ripped off 11 straight points to come from behind.

She held on through a long second set. She won on a series of drop shots and sheer determination in the 22-point tiebreaker.

Navratilova, who defeated Sabatini, the third seed, for the 10th time in 12 matches, was upset by several line calls during the match.

She also was confused during the first set, when umpire Matthew Matsis erroneously called Navratilova the winner prematurely.

When the net judge left his chair, Navratilova told him to remain seated rather than interrupt play and went to the umpire to explain why play should continue without delay.

She lost the game, but rallied to win the set two games later, breaking the 18-year-old Argentinian in the 12th game.

Navratilova raced away to leads of 3-0 and 5-1 before taking the second set in 48 minutes.

"I think this was the best set Gabby has played. She could have won the first set," Navratilova said. "The whole match was a see-saw battle, we were pretty even winning the big points. She was really aggressive but I was covering the court well."

Andretti beats Al Unser Jr

MIAMI, Nov 6. (AP) Michael Andretti outduelled Al Unser Jr. on a rain-slicked track yesterday to take the winner's share of \$225,000 in the second annual Marlboro Challenge Indy-car Invitational.

The 42-lap, 75-mile race, which started 90 minutes late because of two downpours, began with standing water in

numerous places on the 1.784-mile, nine-turn Tamiami park road circuit.

Despite two more showers during the race, the \$730,000 event ended on a drying surface that was wet enough in spots to catch Unser and send his March skidding into a concrete barriers as he tried to pass Andretti on the final turn, one lap from the end.

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